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SBI REVISES DOWN EXPECTED GDP CONTRACTION TO 16.5%

State Bank of India on Monday revised downwards its May report forecasting a 20% slump in GDP in the April-June qtr

COST RATIONALISATION IMPROVES OUTLOOK

SBI's research report Ecowrap revised its earlier forecast on account of better-than-expected results of some financial and non-financial companies. "Revenue decline of listed companies has been far outstripped by cost rationalisation thereby not impacting margins," the report said. SBI's Business Disruption Index has also shown a decline in recent weeks

GROSS STATE GDP TO FALL BY 16.8%

- The report highlighted that Covid-19 has penetrated rural areas, which contribute significantly to the gross state GDP (GSDP)
- The report estimates total GSDP will fall by 16.8% in Q1
- State-wise analysis indicates that top 10 states accounted for 73.8% of total GDP loss | P12

14.1%

DECLINE IN CORPORATE GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA) IN 1ST QUARTER OF FY21

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Apex court rejects petitions to defer NEET, JEE Mains

KANU SARDA & SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday refused to defer the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and JEE Main Exams.

"Life cannot be stopped. We have to move ahead with all safeguards," said a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra.

The observation came on a batch of pleas by students seeking the exam dates be postponed till normalcy returns.

"Are you (students) ready to waste one whole year? Covid may continue for a year more. Do you know what the loss to the country and peril to the students is?" the bench asked.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta representing the National Testing Agency, which conducts NEET and JEE (Main), informed the court that all safeguards would be taken for conducting the exams. JEE is scheduled from September 1 to 6, while the NEET is slated for September 13.

Meanwhile, senior officials in the Union Education Ministry said the examinations will be conducted as per plan as "there is no alternative way of evaluating the merit of students for the high-stake examinations".

Students wanted these admission tests to be cancelled, saying such gatherings would put them at risk of catching the virus.

"We are going ahead with the examination as per the schedule announced earlier and there is no question of rethinking," said Vineet Joshi, Director, National Testing Agency.

He added all necessary precautions will be taken to ensure students' safety.

"JEE (Main) is already staggered over a week and the number of centres for NEET has been increased to avoid crowding of students and to ensure social distancing norms are followed," he said.

Another official in the ministry noted these tests define the careers and lives of lakhs of students and their competence will decide if they can pursue these highly sought-after technical courses. This year the CBSE cancelled some Class 12 papers, which could not be held due to nationwide lockdown, and rated students on the basis of their performance in previous papers. Following this, IITs and NITs have decided not to count their performance in the boards.

"In such a scenario, holding of the admission tests is even more crucial," the official said.

Earlier, along with the performance in JEE (Main), both IITs and NITs used to demand either 75% mark in the board examinations or a place in the Top 20 percentile of their respective boards.

Rain havoc continues, North K'taka worst hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

INCESSANT rain and overflowing rivers continued to disrupt normal life in many parts of the state on Monday. Several villages, bridges, roads and farms were flooded, cutting off connectivity in many areas.

In flood-prone areas of North Karnataka, authorities alerted people to move to safer locations as the outflow from dams is expected to increase because of continuous rain and rising water levels. Flood warning has been issued in Raichur, Yadgir, Bagalkot and parts of Vijayapura, as water levels continue to rise at the Almatti dam.

Heavy rain in the Western Ghats along the Karnataka-Maharashtra-Goa border and the overflowing Krishna river and its tributaries caused flooding in its basin areas of Mumbai-Karnataka region. The movement of trains on the Hubballi-Londa route was affected due to a landslide at Shivthan railway station in Khanapur. The state highway connecting Belagavi and Bagalkot caved in, cutting off bus services towards Vijayapura. Many bridges in Raichur and Yadgir district were submerged.

People in over 20 villages in Gadag district were asked to move to safer places after water was released from the Malaprabha dam. P5

A boy wades through knee-deep water at an inundated cattle market in Gokak on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA PENDSE

Wherever necessary, UAPA that deals with terrorism and related activities will be invoked. Our investigation has no political overtones.
Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka Home Minister

UAPA was invoked recently as more facts about the incident have emerged during the investigation
Kamal Pant, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner

STATE TO INVOKE UAPA AGAINST DJ HALLI VIOLENCE ACCUSED

Goonda Act too will be slapped wherever it is applicable: CMO

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka police, who have decided to take stringent action against perpetrators of violence at Devarajeevanahalli in Bengaluru on August 11, have invoked the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against the accused.

Taking a cue from the Delhi police, following riots at the national capital earlier this year, Karnataka Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood informed Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday that sections under UAPA have been invoked in the case. The initial FIRs, however, only included various sections under IPC and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

"UAPA was invoked recently as more facts about the incident have emerged during the investigation," Police Commissioner Kamal Pant told *The New Indian Express*.

"Wherever necessary, UAPA that deals with terrorism and related activities will be invoked. Our investigation has no political overtones. We are going by law and merits of the case. Our officials are conducting a fair investigation," said Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai. While Pulakeshinagar MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy hasn't named anyone in his complaint and has said he would add the names when he can, the police department has its own witnesses to identify the culprits, he added.

With Section 144 imposed after the August 11 violence, an otherwise busy DJ Halli market wears a deserted look in Bengaluru on Monday | MEGHANA SASTRY

AKHANDA MEETS BSY, SEEKS MORE SECURITY

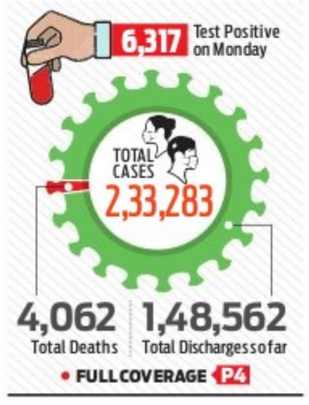
Area Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy, whose residence was vandalised in the violence of August 11 night, met CM B S Yediyurappa and is said to have sought more protection. Currently, Murthy as an MLA has two gunmen assigned by the government, but has sought additional security from the State Reserve Police Force. He also reiterated his request to transfer the case to the CBI.

State to approach HC for claim commissioner

At a meeting of senior police officials, legal officers and the Chief Minister on Monday, it was decided to approach the Karnataka High Court, seeking the appointment of a 'Claim Commissioner' as per the Supreme Court directive to assess the damage caused to private and public property and to recover it from the 'culprits,' a statement from the Chief Minister's Office said. The State will also appoint a team of three special public prosecutors to conduct the case.

"The invocation of Goonda Act will also be considered by the SIT (already formed to probe the case) wherever its provisions are applicable," the Chief Minister's Office said.

Bommai, Chief Secretary TM Vijaya Bhasker, and Advocate-General Prabhuling Navadagi, among others, attended the meeting. P3



FULL COVERAGE P4

EXPRESS READ

Security forces kill 2 LeT militants in J&K

Srinagar: Hours after LeT militants carried out an attack which left two CRPF jawans and a policeman dead in Baramulla on Monday, security forces killed two of them in an encounter. DGP Dilbag Singh said one of them is Sajad Haider, the number one in the LeT outfit in north Kashmir. P10

CET results to be out on August 20: DyCM

Bengaluru: CET results will be announced on August 20, a record 19 days after the completion of the examination. Fees and seat matrix ratio for the engineering courses will remain the same as last year's, Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said in a release. P2

47 Covid-19 patients shifted from KIMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a case of quick crisis management, 47 critical Covid-19 patients admitted to the Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Basavanagudi and requiring oxygen were shifted to Victoria and Bowring hospitals, and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases on Monday night, after a delay in the supply of high-flow oxygen cylinders to the hospital.

Hospital sources said that two high-flow oxygen cylinders had been ordered, which were to reach the hospital on Saturday. But only one was delivered, while the other was expected by Monday afternoon. When the cylinder did not arrive even by 9.15 pm, the doctors and authorities decided to move the 47 patients to other facilities.

Veerabhadra Swamy, joint commissioner, BBMP (South Zone), under whom KIMS Hospital falls, said, "There was no oxygen supply since Sunday. We are collecting more details from the hospital."

Chandra Mohan, in charge of '104' ambulances, said, "We got a call from the hospital around 7.30 pm. We organised 45 vehicles immediately and shifted 47 patients." P5

Ambulances line up at KIMS Hospital to shift patients to other facilities in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

MAESTRO NO MORE

Classical music doyen Pandit Jasraj passes away

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A husky yet pure, ringing voice that could blend the sensuous with the most austere formal elements. A musicality that could attain the sublime while not being averse to pleasing the common ear. It was no wonder that Pandit Jasraj, who died of a heart attack today in New Jersey, at the ripe and fulfilled age of 90, had deigned to match the greatest of the twentieth century while being marked out in public consciousness as the ultimate symbol of the classical vocalist.

This was no small feat—for it was a musical epoch of astounding variety and depth. Film music ruled the radio. And in the classical sphere, some of the world's greatest musicians—practitioners of among the most structurally difficult of the arts—strode the land. And yet, Pandit Jasraj's special gayaki managed to elevate him—and his Mewati gharana—to the very astral regions of the Hindustani classical musical firmament. Born to a musical family based out of Haryana, with an accomplished but ultimatey lesser known vocalist elder brother in Pandit Maniram, it fell upon Jasraj to carve a niche for himself in the public mind in a way none of his forebears had.

It was a mark of his sheer vocalism—and his eclectic musical ethos—that allowed him to accomplish this. Soaring tans, rippling sargams strung out to near-perfection, but also experimentation in the form of his 'Jasrangi' style of duets with a female voice. The devotionalism of his Mewati school also sat well, in the final years, with the popular demand for bhakti.

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Skill Development Entrepreneurship & Livelihood Department

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WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Partly sunny

Sunrise 6.07 am | Sunset 6.39 pm | Moonrise 5.08 am | Moonset 6.15 pm

LOSING TREE COVER

Public hearing on PRR today

Close to 34K trees will be felled if the controversial project goes through

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has called for an environmental public hearing on Tuesday on BDA's most controversial project – the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) — which will result in a whopping loss of 34K trees in Bengaluru. Citizens' groups and activists have asked for a cancellation of the hearing in view of the rising number of Covid-19 cases and inability for people to attend.

Bringing in changes in hydrology, microclimate as also existing land use, the June Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report says, "PRR will impact 110 sq km of water bodies and 66 sq km of forests. It will involve diversion of 10.12 hectares of forest land in Jarakabandekaval Reserve Forest, impact TG Halli reservoir catchment area and six lakes. Apart from felling 33,838 trees including heritage/native species, 900 metres of the alignment with a width of 100 metres will pass through forests. Nearly 9,304 trees have to be felled in TG Halli catchment area. Affecting 63 major and minor drainages and lakes, it will cause flooding during monsoons."

As per the public hearing notification issued by KSPCB, the BDA has proposed the development of 8-lane PRR, Phase-1, connecting Tumakuru Road to Hosur Road (crossing Ballari Road and Old Madras Road) in Bengaluru Urban but integrating with the existing NICE Road. The proposed project will cost Rs 15,11,142 crore.

The EC for the project was accorded by the Karnataka State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority on November 20, 2014. However, this was challenged at the National Green Tribunal and after detailed deliberations, the tribunal in Feb 2019 directed BDA to prepare a fresh EIA report. Challenging the order, the BDA appealed to the Supreme Court (March 17 this year) which upheld the NGT order and directed BDA to prepare fresh EIA. In view of this order, public hearing is also being held by KSPCB.

Since the BDA has changed the alignment of the project, the Citizens for Bengaluru group in a letter to the KSPCB chairman has said a new EIA should be prepared and a new development proposal scheme should be drafted.

Meanwhile, comments and objections of interested bona fide residents, eco groups and others located at the project site and likely to be affected by the project were invited to file their suggestions within 30 days of the notification, which closed on August 13. However, citizens can take part in the public hearing in Yelahanka.

TIME AND VENUE

The time and venue for the Public Hearing on PRR is 11am at Nityotsava Kalyana Mantapa and Samavesha Kendra, Singanayakanahalli, Doddaballapura Road, near Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka taluk, Bengaluru. For further details, visit the board website: http://kspcb.gov.in

PRR virtual public consultation on Sept 3

Bengaluru: Bowing to public demand, the BDA has announced a second public consultation in connection with the Peripheral Ring Road project on September 3, an official release said. It will begin at 12 pm. Registration will be made available on the BDA website shortly, it added.

PRR will impact 110 sq km of water bodies and 66 sq km of forests. It will involve diversion of 10.12 hectares of forest land in Jarakabandekaval Reserve Forest, impact TG Halli reservoir catchment area and six lakes

EIA report

STRIKING OUT AFRESH

Former auto driver Ayaaz Ahmed sells carrom boards after losing his livelihood during the lockdown | MEGHANA SASTRY

CET results to be out on August 20

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE results of the Common Entrance Test (CET) will be announced on August 20, a record 19 days after the examination concluded.

Counselling will be done in two rounds by the end of October after the NEET and JEE counselling. College managements must return the unfilled seats within the prescribed time and they will be returned to the colleges within 2 hours.

Fees and seat matrix ratio for engineering courses will remain the same as in the previous year, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Higher Education Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, said on Monday after a meeting with COMED-K, Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges Association, and representatives of minority professional educational institutions.

There will be two types of fee structures depending on infrastructure. In one of the compositions, it has been decided to fix a fee of Rs 65,360 for CET students and Rs. 1,43,748 for COMED-K students.

In another composition, for CET students it would be Rs. 58,808 and Rs 2,01,960 for COMED-K students.

In this government's share of seats would be 45%, COMED-K share would be 30% and NRI's/Management quota would be 25%, he said.

Complaints mount, BBMP starts drive to fill potholes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WITH rain lashing the city almost every day, more and more people have started complaining about bad roads. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has once again started its drive to fill potholes and declare various roads as pothole-free. Their work will also include roads dug up by various agencies, including the BWSSB and Bescom, for civil works.

According to BBMP records, Bengaluru has 85,321 roads, of which 62,199 have been declared pothole-free. The corporation also stated that of the total roads, 12,440 are under the zonal divisions, of which 75% have been attended to, 10% are worn out and 22% have dug up for various utility works.

BBMP Chief Engineer M R Venkatesh told *TNIE* that instead of counting the number of potholes, they will declare roads as pothole-free and and all information will be uploaded on the website. "So far, 62,199 roads have been declared pothole-free in the city, according to the information shared by ground-level engineers. Even as staffers are looking for potholes on the city's roads, citizens can report them to the BBMP. We have set a 48-hour deadline to fix the potholes," he said.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad held a review meeting on Monday with BBMP engineers to take stock of the situation. "The hot mix plants have been inspected and they can generate 50-60 truck loads of hot mix tar every day. It must be well utilised by the engineers to ensure roads are pothole-free. They should also ensure roads are garbage free and there is no water logging."

The commissioner also told the engineers to ensure that there are no open drains and dug-up roads.

15-DAY DEADLINE TO FILL POTHOLES

A 15-day deadline has been set for engineers to fill potholes and a weekly review meeting will be held to ascertain the status of the roads and the works done.

FEE ISSUES

BRIEF RESPITE FOR PARENTS: SCHOOLS ALLOW DIGI CLASSES

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

BLOCKING of access to online classes for their children in July due to non-payment of fees had been a major worry for parents. In August, however, their children could log into online classes. Parents see this as a temporary relief as they say they keep getting messages reminding them to pay the fees and they are not sure how long the access will continue to be given.

A parent from a private school in Shanthinagar told TNIE that his child was denied access to online classes from the start, forcing them to take the matter up with the Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The school insisted that they pay the term fees during that period, he said.

Weeks later, the parent said that his child was able to access the online class. It is said that this was possible due to the intervention of the Block Education Officer. But there is still uncertainty as to how long this will be possible as the parent received another message about fees from the school authorities.

A parent from a chain of schools said that after two weeks of classes in July, they got a note that fees were due and access to online classes was cut off. But this month their child was given access.

If parents cite job loss or salary cut as reason for their inability to pay the fees, the school would not consider a fee reduction unless proof was given, parents say.

The administrators of both schools did not respond to emails from TNIE.

Euroschool denies hiking fees

The Euroschool administration has denied hiking fees for the new academic year. "We emphatically place on record that the school has not increased its fee this year in order to support parents during these tough times of Covid-19," it said.

Denied access to fee payment portal, students irked

Final-year MBA students of a private college affiliated to Bengaluru North University have alleged that the portal for the payment of exam fees was frozen after students failed to pay the final semester fees. The deadline to pay the fees, without fine, is August 18, and with fine, till August 20. Students, however, are in a fix as their final exams are to be completed by September. "I haven't paid my semester fees. While the portal was supposed to be open today (Monday), I could not access it when I tried today. College principal Vijya B, denied that the link was inaccessible."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th August : It's time to speak once again about the confusion between reality and illusion. Well, today, the questions are even more muddled. Mind you, it's a wonderfully passionate moment for romantics, artists, poets and people in love. It's even better for folk who couldn't give a fig for practical affairs!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It will become increasingly clear that a joint financial exercise has not turned out exactly as expected. This is not to say that you have made a mistake, merely that you should take care to get things back on the right course. Perhaps it's not as bad as it seems!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There is a great deal to be said for putting yourself in someone else's shoes. Only then will you see just how they are feeling, and therefore also what you can do to help. Don't worry if professional burdens increase - it should be purely temporary.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury and Saturn continue to form one of those downright sensible planetary aspects that encourage you to put frivolity behind you. Work out exactly what you want and how to get it without further delay. The more initiative you show, the more you'll impress other people.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There'll be a steady build-up of passion during the day, but this doesn't only just refer to relationships. You may, for example, be enthused by a creative venture. Or it may be children and younger relations who are letting their emotions out all over the place.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There are now serious indications that substantial domestic changes are imminent, including anything up to a move of home. What is certain is that family members will need placating over the next few days. You might have to say sorry, even if you don't want to!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have a great deal to be thankful for, not least of which is the care that other people have taken to help you at various stages in the past. What you must do now is pay your debts, and acknowledge all such assistance, perhaps even offering a favour in return.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The dominant romantic influences are still discreet, even secretive. Perhaps someone close to you is not ready to say what they mean. What seems to be absolutely clear is that only when other people are ready to listen, will you be able to confess your real feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Get ready for the next lunar phase by clearing the decks of all unwanted chores and outmoded relationships. Above all, take domestic duties seriously, and don't blame family members for holding you back. It may well be that they have been doing their best to assist you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Although the professional situation continues to be broadly helpful until well into next year, both for you and for partners, the one thing you can no longer do is rely on personal contacts to help you through. Increasingly, it will be up to you to shape your future direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It's time to stop being the dull, materialistic Capricorn of popular myth and develop those imaginative, inspired and intuitive qualities that most astrologers fail to mention. For the next five days you may day-dream to your heart's content. You never know - you might even come up with some brilliant ideas!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
This is no time to be ashamed of your ambitions. The fact is that being part of a team may not be the right thing at the moment. There's no reason to cause waves, but you must follow an individual course, and partners just have to recognise that you have needs which you must fulfil.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may be contemplating an overseas trip, or a distant voyage. Indeed, I'd say that with your planets aligned with such adventurous regions of your chart, one of the best things you can do is book a ticket to some far corner of the globe. But could it a journey of the mind or spirit which attracts you? Perhaps!

THE PHANTOM

YOU'VE HIDDEN AWAY KIT TO PROTECT HIM, AND HAVE DONE NOTHING FOR HELOISE! WHY?
YOU SUBJECTED HER TO MORTAL DANGER!
TO THE MACHINATIONS OF A FORMIDABLE ENEMY!
Falk

HI AND LOIS

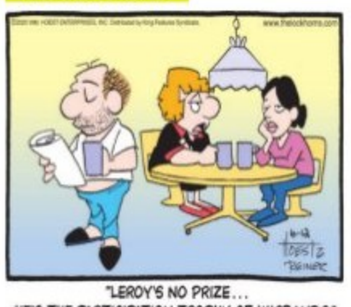
CHIP'S BEEN IN BED ALL DAY.
IT'S HIS FIRST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION.
WHEN ARE YOU GETTING UP?
AFTER I'VE SAVORED THIS A FEW MORE DAYS.

BEETLE BAILEY

NO GOLF TODAY, SIR?
TOO MUCH TO DO
TOO BAD. THE GUN'S OUT, MILD TEMPERATURE...A PERFECT DAY FOR GOLF!
A PERFECT DAY FOR LUNCH WITH THE GIRLS
I'LL CALL THE CLUB

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS



"LEROY'S NO PRIZE... HE'S THE PARTICIPATION TROPHY OF HUSBANDS."

DENNIS THE MENACE

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HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

6	7	8	5	3	1	9	2	4
1	9	3	6	2	4	5	7	8
4	2	5	9	7	8	6	1	3
3	5	7	2	8	9	4	6	1
8	1	9	7	4	6	3	5	2
2	6	4	1	5	3	8	9	7
7	4	1	8	6	5	2	3	9
9	3	6	4	1	2	7	8	5
5	8	2	3	9	7	1	4	6

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RYOSR

NROTS

EETHLM

IREDIB

See, sir? When you speak, they immediately fall into line.
They better.
THE 5-FOOT-2-INCH MILITARY LEADER GOT HIS TROOPS TO STAND AT ATTENTION ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FIFTH BEGAN SUNTAN DREDGE
Answer: The paramedic was trained to use a defibrillator and could use one — IN A HEARTBEAT

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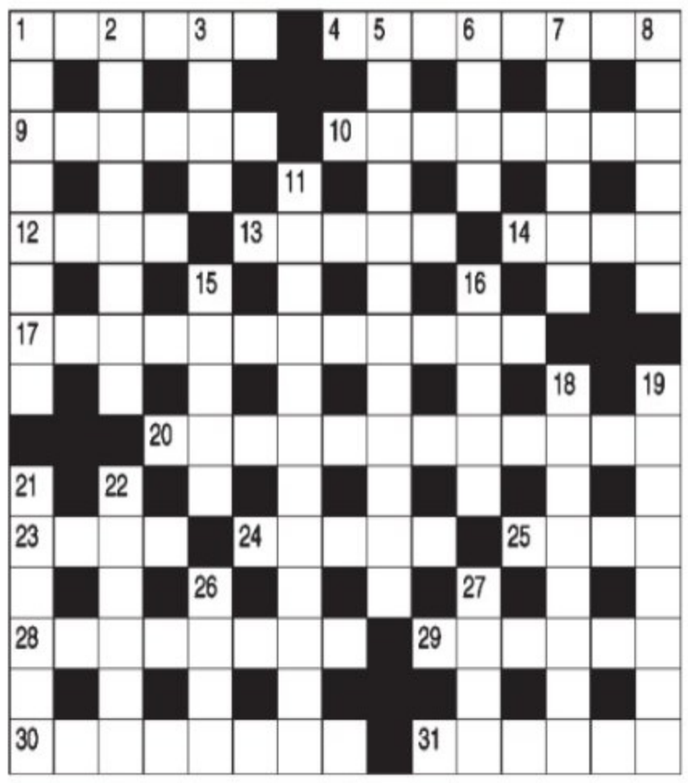
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Composer whose works Bach and Elgar took to heart (6)
4 Cut off with wrongly set compass (8)
9 It can make one act straight away (2,4)
10 Means to call potentially happy individual (8)
12 The boundary of laughter (2-2)
13 Lay very softly in the hay, perfectly content (5)
14 Friend about to return to show appreciation (4)
17 Metal fasteners held together by a thread (4,3,5)
20 Listed building visited by tourists in Italy (7,5)
23 Does wrong lines of Keats, for instance (4)
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25 Mineral in crystal-clear form (4)
28 Preliminary race which is neither quick nor decisive (4,4)
29 It's worn by a woman for a dance (6)
30 Tender arrangement for Ted and Alice (8)
31 Just one of them is perfect (6)

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2 They open out for the novice (8)
3 Terrible ache in a head (4)
5 They should be carefully rounded inside and out (5,7)
6 Broken part carried away (4)
7 Fool put back on the dole, perhaps (6)
8 Not liable to grant immunity (6)
11 Bringing down a plane used for putting troops into action (7,5)
15 Stand in the drawing room (5)
16 Declare it in bad taste (5)
18 Those who feel the heat for those who feel the cold (8)
19 Possibly price a ring - to us it's valuable (8)
21 Being wealthy gets charged (6)
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26 In which I combine style and elegance (4)
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Lasso, 4 Tooting, 8 Cat, 9 Bagatelle, 10 Startle, 11 Elate, 13 Skiing, 15 Mosaic, 18 Tenet, 19 Ethical, 21 Conscript, 23 Ian, 24 Satisfy, 25 Lotus.

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Hang rioters, says Renuka

CM's political secretary and Honnali MLA MP Renukacharya on Monday said rioters should be hanged instead of being arrested and jailed. The Congress is silent on the KB Sandra riots as it is playing vote-bank politics, he said

POWER PLAY

Destination Delhi: K'taka netas to meet chiefs

DKS to discuss DJ Halli, other issues with brass

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KPCC president D K Shivakumar rushed to New Delhi on Monday morning after the party central leaders reportedly sought details about Congress leaders' alleged involvement in violence and arson in Bengaluru last week. AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal had recently spoken to Shivakumar and sought information about the arrest of Kalim Pasha, Congress corporator's husband, by the Central Crime Branch (CCB).

This being his first visit to the national capital after taking over as the state Congress chief, Shivakumar is expected to meet Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Vadra Gandhi and Venugopal among other senior leaders. He's expected to discuss the DJ Halli riots, the SDPI factor in the coming local body polls, as also the appointment of office-bearers to KPCC. The flood situation in the State and the Covid-19 crisis are also likely to come up. Shivakumar whose name was announced as KPCC chief in March, officially took charge in July at a virtual event. Apart from the president and working presidents, KPCC still does not have office-bearers. "Shivakumar is expected to get the list approved from our leaders in Delhi," a senior Congress leader said.

As the BJP "is blowing up" the DJ Halli riots into a political issue, the Congress insiders fear that the party may lose considerable ground in Pulakeshinagar. "In the 2018 elections, Congress lost because of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI). Congress candidate R V Devaraj lost by over 11,000 votes, which went to SDPI," sources said.

Eshwar Khandre, one of the KPCC working presidents, said that due to lockdown and other reasons, Shivakumar could not visit Delhi earlier. "He will meet our leaders and brief them about the political developments in the State," he said, so as to not make it look as if DKS has been summoned by the AICC.

DKS' 1ST VISIT TO DELHI AS KPCC CHIEF

This is KPCC president D K Shivakumar's first visit to the national capital after taking over as the state Congress chief. He is expected to meet Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Vadra Gandhi and Venugopal among others.

Jarkiholi meets Santosh, Nadda

ENS @Bengaluru

WATER Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is back in Delhi knocking on the doors of the party bosses. On Monday, he met B L Santosh, the BJP national general secretary, party president J P Nadda and central ministers from Karnataka Pralhad Joshi and Suresh Angadi. He will meet Union minister D V Sadananda Gowda on Tuesday.

He is said to be lobbying for ministerial berths for other legislators who defected along with him from the Congress to BJP. Jarkiholi had to cut short his Delhi trip earlier this month after Union Home Minister Amit Shah tested positive for Covid-19 and many senior party leaders had to be in home quarantine.

All that Jarkiholi told the media on Monday was that he spoke to the national leadership and explained the need to have a National Water Resources policy.

Along with Jarkiholi is ministerial hopeful C P Yogeshwara who is doing the 'Delhi rounds' because the central party leadership's blessings are essential for his induction into the ministry. Yogeshwara said, "I am here to meet the leadership to express my gratitude for making me an MLC."

Internal sources said there was some opposition from within the party to making Yogeshwara a minister.

NIA LIKELY TO PROBE B'LURU RIOTS

BALA CHAUHAN & MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

THE Devara Jeevanhalli (DJ Halli) violence on August 11 is likely to be handed over the National Investigation Agency (NIA) as a man arrested in connection with the riots by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police on Monday may have links with members of Al-Hind, a suspected terror outfit.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said the man, Samiuddin, has been detained by the CCB police and "we will take his custody for further inquiry".

While the CCB on Monday invoked sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act against the accused in the August 11 riots, a reliable source privy to the investigation said, "The case is likely to be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) because of the invocation of UAPA sections. Samiuddin allegedly has links the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its political offshoot – the Social Democratic Front of India (SDPI). Majority of the suspects arrested in the DJ Halli case are from these two organisations and some of them allegedly have links with the 'Al Hind'."

Officials of the Anti-Terrorist Cell (ATC) at CCB are presently interrogating Samiuddin at an undisclosed location to ascertain his nexus with Al-Hind and what role he played in the outfit.

The Al Hind module was busted by the city and Tamil Nadu police last year and the case was later handed over to NIA, which had last month chargesheeted 17 accused, of whom 11 are from Karnataka.

The police also arrested K Wajid Pasha, president of Karnataka Tippu Tiger Welfare Trust, in connection with the riots. Pasha had sent messages to people to come to DJ Halli police station and allegedly instigated them, the police said.

An owner of a liquor store inspects his shop on Monday after it was burnt down during the recent DJ Halli riots in Bengaluru. The police have extended prohibitory orders under DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations by three more days, till 6 am on Friday. Earlier it was till Tuesday morning | MEGHANA SASTRY

HC to monitor process of claiming damages

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE government is keen on claiming damages from rioters who went on the rampage on the night of August 11, but knows that there is no legislation to this effect. While this issue is much debated, the government plans to put in place a few guidelines to claim compensation.

The law is not silent on this issue, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. "Since we do not have specific legislation in India, some guidelines will be adopted to assess the damages where there is destruction to property. The government will request the court to appoint a retired High Court Judge as Claims Commissioner to estimate the damages and investigate the liability. One or two assessors could be appointed to assist the commissioner, and their work will be monitored by court. It will be a transparent process," he said. The Claims Commissioner and assessors can seek evidence like CCTV footage, the rioters' digital footprint and police report on directions from the High Court.

The government is likely to move court in a day or two, Bommai said.

BJP state chief Naveen Kumar Kateel visits DJ Halli on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The principles of liability shall apply because the rioters' link with the event would be established. In this case, the liability will be borne by the perpetrators of the crime as well as the organisation that organised the attack, because the police have material evidence of messages, call recordings and Whatsapp messages, Bommai added. A total of 135 vehicles were burnt, property was damaged and burnt, and the rioters even attempted to set a police station on fire. All this will be assessed and the Claims Commissioner will compile a report.

These are the recommendations of Justice KT Thomas and senior Supreme Court advocate Fali S Nariman, who have headed committees to look into such issues, and these guidelines for recovery have the approval of the courts, Bommai explained.

This is also not the first time these rules are being applied: When KPCC president DK Shivakumar returned from New Delhi after he was incarcerated in an ED/IT case, it was applied to the damages caused. Before that, it was used to extract compensation from Kannada Chaluvali activist Vatal Nagaraj for damage to property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The state level environmental impact assessment authority Karnataka (constituted by ministry of environment and forest, Govt. Of India) have accorded Environmental Clearance for Industrial project to **M/s. Novosynth Healthcare Private Limited** at Sy Nos.254/P&255/4,IP-36,1st phase, KIADB industrial area, Kudumalakunte Village, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka-561208 vide No. SEIAA20IND2020 Dated : 29/07/2020. The said copy of the environment clearance is available with Karnataka state pollution control board and may be seen on the website of the SEIAA, Karnataka at http://www.seiaa.kar.nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions of our client Sri. K. S. Nagaraj, S/o late Chikkasheshappa, Aged about 58 years, R/at No.04, 4th Cross, Songoli Rayanna Road, Balajisingh Layout, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural District-562114, do hereby inform to the general public that, our client has purchased Residential Site bearing 4 of Municipal New Khatha No.8888 and old No.5306/3579 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 37 totally 1110 sq. Feet, the property is situated at Hosakote town, Sir M.V.Extention, Towards Vinayakanagara having purchased from one sri. Jayaramaih, and my client intending to take loan from bank with that effect he was travelled to meet his counsel with original document of Sale deed dated 14-06-2006 vide document No.HSK-1-2290/2006-07 also cancelation deed dated 16-01-2013 vide document No.HSK-1-09786-2012-13 both are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural District, the said two deeds are lost on 12-08-2020 while travelling by KSRTC bus No.KA-07, F 1432 near Hosakote, and my client best efforts in tracing the same but he could not trace the same in this regard on 13-08-2020 our client had lodged Police complaint at Hosakote Police station, if anybody find the above said original documents or in possession, may kindly be informed and contact to the undersigned counsel or my client.

M. SUBRAMANYA,
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This is to inform the general public that my client Smt.Sumithra Nagaraj, w/o late Nagaraju is the absolute owner of the property bearing House No.56, Khatha No.365, Situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshvanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on **East by:** Property no.55, **West by :** Property no.57, **North by:** Property No.31, **South by:** 30 feet Road and my client has acquired the same from Sri Ramu K. Naik through a registered Sale Deed executed on 08.04.2011 registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Peenya, Bangalore. Whereas my client states that she has lost the Original Documents during shifting the house i.e registered Sale Deed (Mother Deed) bearing Document No.8094/1993-94, Book-I, Volume 5078, Pages 207 to 210, dated 25.02.1994 in the office of the sub registrar, Bangalore North taluk. Whereas my client has made Search of the said original document, inspite of her best efforts the above said original document has not been traced out so far. In this behalf my client has lodged complaint at Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police, on 13.08.2020, Vide Serial No.845280. If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned Document or finds the same, they shall communicate/ contact me with original documents to the below mentioned address

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Charitha K Setty, have lost the original sale deeds **1)** Sale Deed No. 522, Volume No. 1457, Pages 11-14, Dated. 25/06/1994, Regd. with Sub-Registrar, Mulabagal old Sy. No. 5 & New No. 5/2 of Jammanahalli Village. **2)** Sale Deed No. 1895, Volume No. 1210, Pages 191-193, Dated. 05/12/1977, Regd. with Sub-Registrar, Mulabagal Old Sy. No. 5 & New No. 5/2 of Jammanahalli Village and regarding the same I have lodged a police complaint on 15.8.2020 before the Jurisdictional Police Station, If anybody finds the same kindly return to the below address.

Charitha K Setty
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Mobile No: 8050266266

IN THE COURT OF THE XXV ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. Misc. No. 4149 / 2020

BETWEEN : 1. SMT. NIRMALA DEVI W/o Amaresh, Age 48 years,
2. SRI. MANJUNATH S/o Amaresh, Age 33 years,
3. SMT. MEGHA D/o Amaresh, W/o Chandrashekar, Age 26 years,
4. MR. VISHWANATHA S/o Amaresh, Age 21 years.
All are R/at Shettikera Village, Shahapur Taluk, Yadgiri District 585323 ...Petitioners
AND: THE REGISTRAR, BBMP, Birth & Deaths, Bengaluru ...Respondent

Whereas the petitioners above named have filed the petition under Section 13(3) of the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969 against the respondent seeking direction to the respondent to register the Date of Death of **Amaresh S/o Veerabhadrappa Gudagunti who was died on 25.01.2018 at Front of Popular Chicken Center, 1st Street, New Market Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru 560051 and resident of Shettikera Village, Shahapur Taluk, Yadgiri District 585323.**

Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in before the Hon'ble court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **15th day of September, 2020 at 11.00 AM** to show cause against the petitioners failing which the matter will be heard and determined.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 13.08.2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Asst Registrar Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bengaluru

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Employment Notice No. CMP/02/GAZ/2020
Walk in Interview- For Doctors

South Western Railway, Mysuru Division proposes to engage full time Medical Practitioners (Specialist) on contract basis for South Western Railway, exclusively at Railway Hospital, Mysuru for a period of one year or less or till regular incumbent joins whichever is earlier subject to terms and conditions.

1. Eligibility Criteria / Qualification : Contract Medical Practitioner (Specialist) -The candidate should possess the qualification of MBBS plus MD or DNB (General Medicine) with registration in Medical Council and completed internship with 05 years experience in that profession.

2. Age: i) For open Market Candidate: Should not have completed more than 50 years as on 27.07.2020. **ii) For Retired Railway Doctors / Retired State Government Medical Officers :** Upto the age of 65 years reckoned as on 27.07.2020.

3. No. of Vacancies: GDMO (Specia list) : UR-01, SC/ST/OBC-Nil, Total-01

4. Place At Which Service Required: Railway Hospital, Mysuru. **5. Venue of Interview:** Office of Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS), Railway Hospital, Vontikoppal, Mysuru. **Date & Time Of Interview:** 19.08.2020 (Wednesday) from 11.00 hrs onwards.

6. Honorarium: i) For open Market Candidate: Rs. 95,000/- per month. **ii)** For retired Railway Doctors / Retired Govt. Medical officers of state Government : Fixed remuneration of Rs. 46,000/- per month (Subject to the condition).

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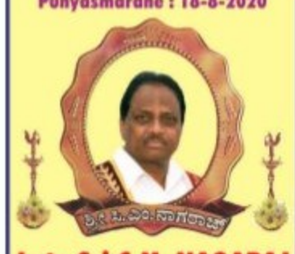

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We earnestly pray god to rest his soul in peace.
Family members, Management, Principals, Staff Members, Students, Relatives & Friends.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client **Sri Nanjikheth Chowdary @ N K Patel S/o late Sri K J Patel,** Aged about 67 years, residing at H.No.200, Anubhavanagar, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore – 560 072 is the present owner of the schedule property. The said present owner informs that his previous owner Sri G S Shivaprakash S/o Sri Shivanna had lost his original sale deed registered as Document No.7868/1997-98 of Book-I, CD No.5, Dated 25.09.1997, registered n the office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore and in the said regard, the previous owner had lodged a police complaint dated 15.12.2014 with the jurisdictional police station. Now, my client is intending to sell the schedule property to the prospective buyers who would be intending to avail loan from the Banks / Financial institutions by mortgaging the schedule property.

If any other person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the mortgage of the said property to the Financial Institutions / Banks and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to sell the schedule property to the prospective buyers who would be availing loan from the Banks / Financial Institutions by mortgaging the schedule property deeming that no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

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All that piece & parcel of residentially converted property bearing No.23/13 (Old Sy.No.23/3), (Chunchanakuppe Village Panchyathi e-Khatha Form Nos.9 & 11A-No.150200300700420046), measuring 3500 sq. ft. (out of 15 Guntas), situated at Kethohalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the **East by :** Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of the same property, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Road.

Sd/- RAGHAVENDRA P HOGADE
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Patients suffering from SARI, who have not been tested for Covid-19, can go to 15 hospitals — five govt and 10 private — that have been identified for such cases.

7,071 NEW RECOVERIES

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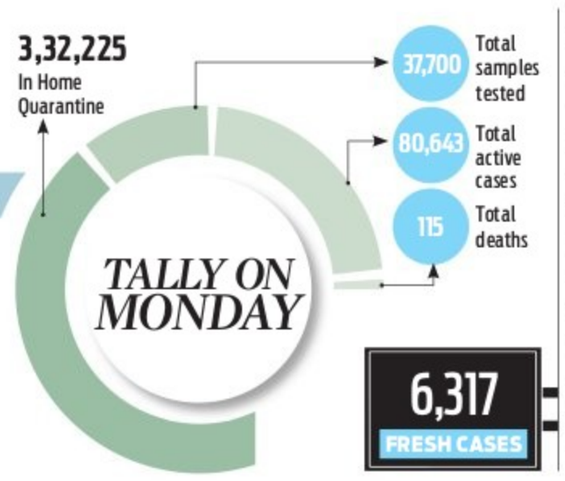

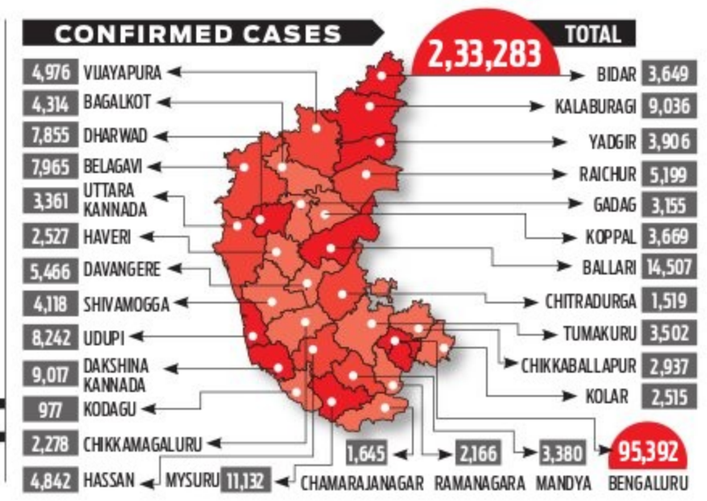

HEALTH DEPT DILUTES COVID BULLETIN DATA

Crucial details missing from bulletin; Age, gender not revealed

A health worker at a free rapid antigen and RT-PCR test camp being held in Malleswaram, in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THE state health department removed crucial data from the daily corona bulletin on Sunday (August 16), including the date of admission, date of death and if a person died at home, hospital or was brought dead. It was on a day when the state recorded its highest ever toll for a single day at 124.

These crucial sections were, however, reinstated on Monday (August 17). But this is not the first time that the department has tried to dilute the data related to Coronavirus. Since July 22, the entire case history of the patient's age, location, gender, comorbidities, contact or travel history, whether they are ILI or SARI cases, if they are admitted at a designated government or private hospital, have not been revealed.

"There are two factors here, based on the purpose of data use. One, these details can be used for general communication to the public and the other, for epidemiological study. Critical data on mortality, such as the age groups, gender and location, is useful in understanding the mortality rate," said Dr B S Nanda Kumar, associate professor, Community Medicine, Ramaiah Medical College.

"If there is a clustering of 20-30 deaths for a particular duration or location, it will lead us back to any common link that caused these deaths," he said.

On June 20, the health department removed data on co-morbidities of those who succumbed to the virus, only to restore it the next day.

On June 27, the data on primary and secondary contacts and if patients were SARI or ILI cases, usually mentioned in the case history of positive patients, was removed. It was brought back three days later.

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> Munish Moudgil, in-charge, State Covid War Room

Dr Antony K R, paediatrician and public health consultant from Kochi who was the former director of State Health Resource Centre in Chhattisgarh, said that not revealing data amounts to lack of transparency. "The more details available for statistical analysis, the better.

Now, we have to guess what happened. A mature and efficient state should not be hiding what has happened because a government is for the public," said Dr Antony, who was also the former health and nutrition specialist for UNICEF in India.

"Omitting data indicates that the state is covering up lapses or inefficiency. If data is transparent, the entire scientific community and public can gather conclusions. If we hide it, people will view it with suspicion. Ultimately, the truth will come out and the government will be exposed," he said.

On why details regarding mortalities were omitted, Munish Moudgil, in charge of the state war room, said it may have been missed out inadvertently. "There are around 8,000 patients every day. If the average time for recovery is 14 days, then there are 1.12 lakh patients to watch at any given time and manually tracking their discharge or death isn't easy. Hospitals don't enter their discharge or death data into a system. If patients are under home isolation, it becomes even harder to know deaths," he said.

Shortage of nasal cannulas at hosps: Docs

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

HEALTH experts have said the government must now focus on critical care as many patients come to the hospitals after their health condition has worsened. This means more beds in ICUs and higher procurement of high flow nasal cannulas (HFNC) and ventilators where there is a shortage in many hospitals in the city.

Doctors said that when patients come in during a critical stage, hospitals cannot do much in such a situation.

Dr H M Prasanna, Managing Director, Pristine Hospital and president elect of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA), said, "Right now, we have to focus on critical care. We need to add more critical care beds. In our hospital, we are seeing 15-20% of patients coming with mild symptoms but later developing severe ones. They are then admitted in ICU. There are other patients who come in very late with severe respiratory and lung problems, and due to this we need more critical care. We do have a shortage of both ventilators and HFNC in Bengaluru hospitals, which includes both government and private sector. And we also need to strengthen the staff in ICUs. This is the only way we will be able to see the mortality rate coming down in the city."

> **High flow nasal cannulas help in delivering high amounts of oxygen. Many patients require it, but we have very few. In the private sector, we need at least 100**
> — Dr R Ravindra, Medical Director, Suguna Hospital

A woman gives her swab sample at a fever clinic | MEGHANA SASTRY

Dr R Ravindra, Medical Director, Suguna Hospital, said that more number of HFNC devices should be procured by the government and given to the hospitals. "HFNC help in delivering high amounts of oxygen. Many patients require HFNC, but we have very few. In the private sector, we need at least 100 HFNC. We have given a list in this regard to Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, a month back. It will be difficult without these as the cases of elderly with comorbidities have been high."

Dr Naresh Shetty, president, Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, said, "The whole idea of too many ventilators is out now. We now need HFNC but we do not have enough. We are looking at identifying the patients with severe symptoms early and putting them on HFNC at an early stage. Otherwise, once the patient is put on a ventilator, the chances of fatality increases."

Mayor's smell test proposal yet to get nod

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE smell analysis test proposal of Mayor M Goutham Kumar is yet to get a nod from the health department. The mayor had made the proposal a fortnight back at the BBMP Council meeting, saying that along with thermal screening, smell test analysis should also be done at public places.

While the mayor stated that he had written a letter in this regard, the health department officials said that they have not got any letter so far. They also questioned the practical implementation of the proposal.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Health Commissioner, told *TNIE* that the proposal would be placed before the expert committee and also the ICMR for approval. It is a good idea, but how it can be implemented needs to be assessed, he said.

Two senior BBMP officials and the health department wondered about the cost of creating smell detection samples.

Doctors too have expressed their apprehension of such a test. They said it is not necessarily only Covid-19 patients alone who will have loss of smell.

The mayor, however, defended that loss of smell and taste were also Covid symptoms and not many have fever. If that is the reason, thermal scanners also serve little purpose, sources said.

CHECKING SPREAD

Barricades set up to mark a containment zone near Shantinagar in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

BENGALURU LOOKS AT DAILY TESTING TARGET OF 30,000

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IN a bid to detect cases early, an average of 20,000 swab samples are being collected daily, and the target is to scale it up to 30,000 tests, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad told the media on Monday.

Testing will be increased in the coming days, and so will door-to-door surveys to identify people with ILI and SARI symptoms, Prasad said, after a review meeting with officials.

"Citizens need not fear the rising number of Covid cases, this happens when testing increases. After a point, the curve will start to flatten with early detection and the spread will be in control," he said.

He also said the area to be sealed under containment zones has been redefined. "If there is one case in one area, barricading of 100 metres radius is not done. Only that home will be sealed and geotagged. But if there are more than 2-3 cases in a vicinity of 100 metres, the area will be sealed. All barricades in existing areas will not be lifted, a case by case study will be done and the barricades removed," he added.

Responding to reports of financial anomalies in creating containment zones, he said: "It has come to light that engineers have claimed bills of Rs 7 lakh for a couple of days. On an average, a zone like RR Nagar has spent Rs 1-1.5 crore for three months. So in total, Rs 20-25 crore should have been spent. However, until proper bills are produced and verified, payments will not be cleared."

Reacting to the query that with 40% of beds in private hospitals lying vacant, hospital authorities are demanding that they be handed back, Prasad said that no decision has been taken on this, and the beds have been kept as reserve, if cases rise. "It should be viewed as a good sign that citizens are gaining confidence that they can remain in home isolation and quarantine. The stigma attached to the virus must go," he said.

On the demand that markets in CBD areas be opened from September 1, Prasad said this is under review by the government.

Hospitals demand Aadhaar details, patient dies

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SUNDAY night was one of horror for the family of a 40-year-old Covid-19 patient, as they rushed him from one hospital to another, but in the end, it was too late and he could not be saved.

The family of the victim alleged that two hospitals denied the patient treatment without his Aadhaar card details.

The man had tested positive at St John's Hospital on Friday evening, and was in home quarantine. However, on Sunday night, he complained of breathlessness and his family immediately shifted him to Madhu Nursing Home in Girinagar in an ambulance. The hospital authorities allegedly sought his Aadhaar card details and also informed them that there was a shortage of beds and lack of ICU facility. They wrote a note, referring him to a Covid hospital in RR Nagar.

The family claims that the ambulance driver, instead of taking them to the RR Nagar Hospital, decided to take them to a private hospital on Hosur Road, almost 17km from Girinagar. By then, the patient was already feeling uncomfortable, but when they finally pulled into the hospital, the doctors there did not treat the patient. Instead, they left him lying on a stretcher for over an hour, and later declared him dead.

The family of the deceased allegedly attempted to beat up the hospital authorities, but were pacified by the doctors. The relatives alleged that there appeared to be a nexus between the ambulance driver and private hospital on Hosur Road, which is why he took the patient there and risked his life.

A staffer from Jayanagar General Hospital cleans the premises | MEGHANA SASTRY

STATE TOLL CROSSES 4K-MARK

Bengaluru: Covid-19 fatalities in Karnataka crossed the 4K-mark on Monday with 115 deaths reported, taking the total toll to 4,062. Bengaluru has seen the maximum number of deaths, with 1,483 persons succumbing to the virus. The number of positive cases continue to hover in the 6,000-8,000 range, with Karnataka reporting 6,317 cases on Monday. Bengaluru contributed the maximum cases at 2,053 cases, followed by 597 in Mysuru, 397 in Shivamogga, 319 in Ballari and 268 in Udupi. The state tally now stands at 2.33 lakh cases. Of the 80,643 active cases, 695 patients are in the ICU. A total of 7,071 patients recovered, taking the discharges to 1.48 lakh. **ENS**

COVID WATCH

BMCRI STAFF DEMAND BETTER PAY

Bengaluru: Continuing with the protest of July 30 by nursing officers of BMCRI, the college teaching staff joined them for a brief candlelight protest on Monday. The demand that is common to both teaching and non-teaching staff is the New Pension Scheme (NPS). "BMCRI has deducted the amounts from our salary every month between 2006 to 2012 for NPS but has not given it to the NPS Trust. The institute deducts 10 per cent from our salaries and makes a matching contribution, as per rules," said Dr Ravi Lingappa, secretary, BMCRI Teachers' Association. The protest may be held on a bigger scale in future, and if their demands are not met, they may consider boycotting Covid duties. They are demanding a risk allowance as they are frontline workers and want a 50 per cent hike in basic pay as well. **ENS**

Mys trauma centre gets oxygen generating unit

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

IN 10 days' time, Mysuru, which is seeing a spike in new Covid cases, could reduce its dependence on oxygen cylinders for critically-ill patients.

To deal with the rising demand for oxygen for Covid treatment, the district administration has set up an Oxygen Generation Unit at the new trauma care centre on KRS Road.

DR C P Nanjaraj Urs, dean and director, Mysore Medical College and research Institute (MMCRI) told *TNIE*, "The demand has gone up by three to four times. To avoid a situation where supply falls short, we came up with this unit. It removes nitrogen, and extracts 94% oxygen from atmospheric air and compresses it. We can generate oxygen for up to 50 jumbo oxygen cylinders each day and supply oxygen to both the trauma care centre and the district Covid hospital for critically-ill patients," he said.

The unit is ready, he said, but requires staff to operate it. "If things go as planned, it will be operational in 10 days," he said. However, a stock of oxygen cylinders too must be kept as back up, in case of any failure in the unit.

Health workers collect swab samples at an open-air theatre in Mysuru on Monday | UDAY SHANKAR S

IT'S RAINING MISERY ACROSS MUMBAI-KARNATAKA REGION

Many rivers on the state's border with Maharashtra in spate putting lives at risk

Gokak falls which is in full splendour with the rise in water levels in the Ghataprabha in Gokak on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

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@Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura

INCESSANT rainfall across the Western Ghats, surrounding Karnataka-Maharashtra and Goa borders, and the overflowing Krishna and its tributaries have wreaked havoc throughout the Mumbai-Karnataka region of the Krishna basin.

The swelling Malaprabha, Ghataprabha, Markendeya and other smaller rivers along the Karnataka and Maharashtra border led to the flooding of villages, bridges, roads and farmlands on Sunday night.

Flood-prone villages in Saudatti taluk, including Munvalli and Sunnal, were flooded, while Kudchi and Munvalli bridges were completely under water. A landslide at Shivthan railway station, Khanapur, affected the movement of trains on the Hubballi-Londa route. A state highway connecting Belagavi and Bagalkot caved in near Belagavi, cutting off the bus route towards Vijayapura. Senior Water Resources Department officials from Karnataka and Maharashtra held a virtual meeting on Sunday evening to discuss keeping water levels in Almatti, Koyna and Hidkal dam, and other major reservoirs in check. Deputy Commissioner M G Hiremath visited several flood-hit areas at Ramdurg on Monday to take stock of the situation.

Water Resources Ramesh Jarkiholi appealed to people living on the banks of the Krishna, Malaprabha, Markendeya and Ghataprabha rivers to move to safer areas as outflow from dams is expected to increase due to rain.

Krishna overflows

With heavy showers continuing to lash the Western Ghats and basin of the Krishna river, the threat of flood loomed large in parts of Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Raichur and Yadgir districts. After water level in the Malaprabha and Ghataprabha rivers rose, the district administration issued flood warnings in at least 30 villages in Bagalkot and asked people living along the two rivers to move to safer places.

The overflowing Malaprabha submerged a couple of bridge-cum-barrages in Badami taluk. However, the villagers are using other paths for commuting. According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Committee, Naviluteertha dam is receiving an inflow of 25,000 cusecs and Hidkal dam is recording an inflow of 40,000 cusecs, and the same quantum of water is being released.

Bridges submerged

Road connectivity has been hampered due to overflowing waters of the Krishna over many bridges in Raichur and Yadgir districts on Monday.

COFFEE GROWERS SEE LOSSES, SEEK SUPPORT

Madikeri: The coffee growing sector across Kodagu, already brought to its knees by the losses suffered during the lockdown, is now having to deal with the incessant rainfall. Trees across coffee estates have been uprooted, and small estates in South Kodagu have suffered damage due to landslides and floods. Following these woes, the Kodagu Growers Federation has submitted a memorandum to DC Annies K Joy, seeking support for small coffee growers. The memorandum, signed by Federation president Harish Appaiah, says, "The coffee sector in Kodagu is witnessing immense losses since the 2018 natural disaster and growers have suffered over 70% losses."

Alcoholic kills wife; 3 more murders rock city

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FOUR murders were reported in the city on Monday. A woman was stabbed to death by her husband in Yelahanka New Town on Sunday night. The deceased Nandini (23) and her husband Johnson were daily wage workers. Police said Johnson returned home late on Sunday in a drunken state and the couple had an argument over his addiction. Out of rage, he stabbed her neck with a pair of scissors. She died on the spot and the neighbours who heard her screaming alerted police, who arrested Johnson.

In the second incident, a woman was found murdered at her house on Saturday. The deceased is Jayamma, (71), a resident of Chennasandra. Police said Jayamma's husband Appaiah had gone out to pay their electricity bill. On his return, he found her body on the bed, while his house was ransacked.

In another incident, a man was stabbed to death by three transgenders in Electronic City on Sunday. Police said Rajendra (36) posed as a transgender and collected money from passersby on Hosur Road, for which he was attacked by local transgenders. Accordingly, transgenders Devi, Bhavana and Nitya have been arrested.

A daily wage worker was bludgeoned to death by his friend in Thalaghattapura. Mani (38) had plugged his phone for charging and Hussain removed it to plug his charger, which led to a tiff. In a fit of rage, Hussain attacked him with a wooden log, before smashing his head with a stone. Police have arrested Hussain.

'VJNL may not touch kaval land for canal'

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The Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd (VJNL) on Monday informed the Karnataka High Court that it is not likely to touch 'kaval' (grassland) land in Chikkamagaluru for the proposed construction of a canal to supply water to four districts -- Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Tumakuru and Davanagere.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi directed both State and Central authorities to file objections, and adjourned the hearing of the PIL to September 21.

Wildlife activists D V Girish, Shreedev Hulikere and S Girijashankar filed the PIL against proposed diversion of the grassland, which is part of the Black Buck Conservation Reserve, for construction of the canal.

The petitioners said diversion of 61.41 acres of grassland, belonging to various survey numbers in Basur Kaval and Bilvala Kaval in Kadur taluk, by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Sciences and Fisheries to the VJNL is in violation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Forest (Conservation) Act and other environmental laws.

IN THE HC

HC dismisses plea against Sanjay Dutt in movie KGF-2

Bengaluru: The High Court on Monday declined to entertain a PIL filed against actor Sanjay Dutt and the release of movie KGF-2 in which he is plays the antagonist. Orally observing that people can't impose censorship, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi noted in the order that the petitioner's counsel has not shown any law under which acting by a convicted actor is prohibited. Similarly, the counsel has not shown that it is against law for a producer to permit a convicted actor from acting in a movie. No illegality has been committed, it added.

Arrange oxygen from other sources: Hospital

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MEDICAL Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar tweeted, "As soon as I noticed shortage of oxygen at KIMS hospital, ambulances were arranged to transfer patients to Victoria, Bowring and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases. 20 heavy duty oxygen cylinders have been sent to KIMS to treat critical patients."

A statement from KIMS hospital said, "Due to a shortage of liquid oxygen from the manufacturing company on 17 August, we have anticipated that low oxygen volume hypoxic crisis may occur for oxygen dependant patients. Hence we informed government authorities about the situation and requested for arrangement of liquid oxygen from other suppliers. We shifted all the oxygenated patient to various government and private hospitals."

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, **H.R.RAVICHANDRA**, Son of late Sri. Late.Rajashekar Reddy, Residing at No.748, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore -560095. I have lost the original Sale dated 10.07.1992, Registered Document No.1928/1992-93, executed by Sajjappa & Others in favour of Shivashankar. The referred to above in respect of my property in Sy.No.337 measuring 1 acres 20 guntas situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk on 10.06.2020 near my Office at St.Marks Road at 2.00PM. I reasonably believe that it is lost or misplaced by me and the same is not traceable inspite of my best efforts. In view of the aforesaid facts I have lodged Vide lost No.097418/2020 dated 13.08.2020. If any one finds the original deed detailed herein and delivers Contact Phone Number 9886002457.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client Sri. Adish M S/o. Sri. Manjunatha intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner, viz., Sri. ANIL KUMAR C. JAIN, aged about 45 years, Son of Sri. Chaganlal. The said Seller represents that he is the Absolute Owner in possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and the same is free from all liabilities and encumbrances.

Apart from above, If any other person/s, /Financial institutions, having any claim, right, title, interest whatsoever over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, may forward their objections in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this notice, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claims, objections, etc. and my client will proceed further to conclude the transaction. Claim/s received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No. 1660, formed by the BEML Employees' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd, in various Sy.Nos. of Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, BSTQ, BBMP Katha No. 3772/1660, PID No. 160-W0831-15, 3rd Cross, BEML Layout, V Phase, measuring East to West: 40.00 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all totally measuring 1200 Square Feet. along with a residential building consisting of Ground + Two Upper Floors, total built up area of 3000 Sq.Feet, and bounded on;

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF VOCATIONALISATION OF SCHOOL EDUCATION IN ODISHA

No. 5302 Date. 17.08.2020

Odisha School Education Programme Authority(OSEPA), Samagra Shiksha
Department of School and Mass Education
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OSEPA invites Expression of Interest from qualified entities in the field of **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY AND HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS** for implementation of the program in 385 Schools + 30 sectors of 2013-14 as well as replaced 117 Schools with Multi-skill course in ODISHA under Samagra Shiksha.

Please download the detailed EOI from: **www.osepa.odisha.gov.in**

Last Date of EOI Submission : 16.09.2020 (03 PM)

Sd/- (17.08.20)
State Project Director

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No.KMIO/AC/Fellowship/800/2020 Date: 17.08.2020

CORRIGENDUM

In the Notification No. KMIO/AC/Fellowship/796/2020 dated, 13.08.2020 published in news paper on 15th August 2020, applications were invited in prescribed format from the eligible candidates for the fellowship programs for the academic year 2020-2021 at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka by prescribing 21.08.2020 as last date for submission of application. The following change is effected for above said notification. **1.** Eligibility criteria for applying for **Fellowship in Head & Neck Cancer Surgery** should read as: **MS/DNB (General Surgery), MS/DNB (ENT).**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **16.05.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors guarantors **(1) M/S Sazerac Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Directors: A. Payal Hasmukh Shah B. Gitanjali T Budharani C. Shreyas Patel D. Suman Ranjan Patnaik E. Pranita Subhash Address: No.36 Ground Floor, Vittal Mallya Road, Near Shell Petrol Bunk, Bengaluru-560001 (2) Ms.Payal Hasmukh Shah D/o Mr.Hasmukh Premchand Shah No.7, Tejas Apartments, 6th Floor, South End Street, Kumar Park East, Bengaluru-560001 (3) Mrs. Gitanjali T Budharani D/o Mr.Thakur M Budharani, No.71, 11th Cross, Indira Nagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560038 (4) Mr.Shreyas Patel S/o Mr.Ravi Kumar Krishnappa Patel, No.3D, Subhashree Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Block, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 (5) Mr.Suman Ranjan Patnaik, S/o Mr.Sudhanshu Patnaik No.67-3-B, 4th Cross, Lavelle Road, Near Harle Davidson Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru-560001 (6) Mrs.Pranitha Subhash D/o Balakrishna Subhash, No.147, 30th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070, (7) Mr.Sitaram T S S/o Sanjeevappa Thumbadi No.5, 1st Floor, Rock House, 1st Main Road, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru-560006, (8) Mrs. Bhagyam W/o Mr.Sitaram T S No.5, 1st Floor, Rock House, 1st Main Road, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru-560006 (9) Mrs. Naidile R Patel, D/o Mr.Sitaram T S No.3 D, Subhashree Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Block, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032** to repay an total amount mentioned in the notice being **₹ 2,00,31,595.12 [Rupees Two Crore Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five and paisa Twelve Only] out of which ₹ 1,13,62,400.00 under P S Term Loan A/c No.1097001800169201** along with future interest from 28.04.2020 and ₹ 86,69,195.12 under PSOD A/c No.1097000600118801along with future interest from 01.04.2020 within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **14th day of August - 2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Indiranagar Branch, Bengaluru** for an aggregate amount of **₹ 2,08,75,438.12 out of which ₹1,17,23,989.00** under **P S Term Loan A/c No.1097001800169201** along with future interest from **28.07.2020** and ₹ 91,51,449.12 under PSOD A/c No.1097000600118801along with future interest from 01.08.2020 plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No.GF 1 having a super built up area of 3350 sq ft along with undivided share of 1514 sq ft in the Ground Floor of the building known as "Rock House Regency" with 2 covered car parking spaces in the stilt floor of the building, situated on the property bearing Municipal No.5/1-1, PID No.92-16-5/1-1 at 1st Main road, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru belonging to Sitaram T S.

Boundaries of Property: East : Common Passage, **West:** Property No.4 of Mr.Kakade, **North:** Property No.5/3 of Mr.S.N.Ladhani, **South:** 1st Main Road.

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Place: Bengaluru
Date: 14.08.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Appl No.V0117333) Malleshwaram Branch Jain Heights And Structures Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Kishore Jain (Co-Borrower) Rekha Jain (Co-Borrower)	**Primary Property Address** : Sy. Nos: 101/1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19 & 21; all situated in Alambadi Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District wherein residential layout called "Land star/Earthshine" (approved by Malur Planning Authority vide No.43/20 12-13 dt.19.10.2012) comprising of 331 plots/sites of different dimensions have been formed; out of which, 233 plots of different dimensions are Mortgaged by way of Registered Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed out of which 118 plots mentioned below is taken under possession.Sy No: 101/1 – 3.13 Acres, Sy No: 101/6 – 3.13 Acres, Sy No: 101/10- 8.19 Acres, Sy No: 101/12 – 5.0 Acres, Sy No: 101/13 – 2 Acres, Sy No: 101/19 – 2.17 Acres, Sy No: 101/21 – 1.30 Acres.(3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 100, 101 105, 111, 112,114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 148, 150, 151, 164, 172, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 185, 186, 187, 189, 190, 196, 197, 207, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 218, 219, 224, 234, 236, 241, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 258, 262, 274, 283, 288, 291, 292, 295, 299, 301, 306, 311, 315, 316, 332, 333, 334, 338, 340, 343, 348, 351, 352, 358, 364, 365, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 390, 391, 392, 394, 396, 405, 406, 407) **Collateral Security Address** : Apartment No.E in "ALTURA", 24th floor, measuring 3091 sq. ft. (Super Built up Area) constructed in Land measuring 39,291.12 sq. ft. (36.08 Guntas) in Sy. No. 65/1 B, Kaikondrahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk within BBMP limits, Khata No.1741, & measuring 3091 sq. ft Super built up area with un divided share of 997.58 sq. ft. share in the common areas & one car parking in the basement.Bounded : **East Side:** Sy No 65/1A, **West Side :** Sy No. 65/1C, **North Side:** Sy No 61.**South Side :** Sarjapur Road	17.10.2019 ₹ 6,01,46,374.00 (Rupees Six Crore One Lakh Fourty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four Only.)	12.08.2020

Place : Malleswaram
Date : 18.8.2020

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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Asset Recovery Management Branch, No.39/2, 2nd Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, Opp FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009	Ph : 080-22955928/929 E-mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com Website:www.karnatakabank.com CIN:L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **26.05.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors - **(1) Mr.Malar Anand, S/o Mr.Jyothi Prakasam (2) Mrs.Angel J, W/o Mr.Malar Anand, Both 1 & 2 are addressed at :** No.S-4, 2nd Floor, Amrutapriya Residency, Sy.No.36/6, Dasarahalli Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk-560024, **Both 1 & 2 also at:** No.42, 1st Main, Muneshwara Temple Street, Kempapura, HAF Post, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024, to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **₹31,23,282.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Two only)** under **TL A/c No.1207001600047101** along with future interest from 29.04.2020 within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ mortgagors and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on this **14th day of August - 2020.**

The borrowers/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru - R.T Nagar Branch,** for an aggregate amount of **₹31,99,266.00 [Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Six Only]** under **TL A/c No.1207001600047101** along with future interest from **29.07.2020, plus costs.**

[The Borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of Flat No S-4 in the Second floor with super built up area of 1130 Sq.ft & 277 Sq.ft undivided share in the land with one parking space in the stilt floor in the apartment known as "Amruthapriya Residency" constructed on land bearing Sy.No.69/6, BBMP Khatha No.2201/69/6 situated at Dasarahalli Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk - 560092, belonging to Mr.Malar Anand & Mrs.Angel J. Boundaries: East : Remaining portion in Sy.No.69, there after Drain & A.K Colony; **West :** Road & there after Sy.No. 69/6 7 69/11; **North :** Remaining portion in Sy.No.69/6 belongs to V.Janardhan; **South :** Sy.No.69/11 and remaining portion in Sy.No.69, presently private layout.

Place: Bengaluru East Taluk
Date: 14.08.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

LOST OF DOCUMENT

I **Manjunath** Residing at # No 120, 70th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. I have Lost Original Property Documents of Sale Deed of Ullala Village **133/134**. AP khata house list 16th vacanant land measure **33X45ft** in name of **K Poornima** D/o K S Krishna Gowda Bangalore North taluk , Yeshavanthapura Hobli, Ullala Village Dated 15/8/2020 Finders Please Contact to **9845018620**/Above Address OR inform to nearby Police Station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the schedule property from the owners **Mr. SRINIVAS .B.H,** S/o. Hanumanthaiah B.K R/o. No.7, "Anjanadri", 13th Cross, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-73

Any person or persons having any claims/ objections for the above sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within **Seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any claims received beyond stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential **immovable property being the Southern portion bearing Corporation No.107, Sy.No.17/1, Sl.No.4345, situated at 4th Cross, Bhuika Layout, Sidedahalli, Bangalore, Ward No.14-Bagalagunte (old BBMP Sl.No. 2936, Khata/Sl.No.3128), carved out of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.17/1 of Shidedhahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide Official Memorandum dated : 31-07-1993, No. BDS.ALN.SR(N) 146/1992-93), presently within the limits of BBMP, together with the building there of ground, first and second floor** and the building constructed on site measuring :

EAST TO WEST :: 41-0 Feet
NORTH TO SOUTH :: 20-0 Feet
TOTAL AREA :: 820 Square Feet
and bounded as follows:
EAST By : Site No.104
WEST By : Road
NORTH By : Remaining northern portion Site No.107, measuring (59+55)/2 x 27 Ft
SOUTH By : Site No.108

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE---
No.802/618, "AMMA", 6th Main, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi Bangalore-560072. Ph : 9980816715
Email: sadashivamh@gmail.com

BANGALORE DATED : 18.08.2020

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division, Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No.: EE-4(Lakes)/TN-7/2020-21 Date: 17-08-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only) 2nd call (KW-1&3)

The Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders on item rate basis from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Removal of weeds in water body & wetland and cleaning of inlets at Dasarahalli (Chokkasandra) Lake. **Stipulated period of complection : 11 Months**	15.00	37,500/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **26.08.2020 upto 4.00 PM. (3)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **24.08.2020 at 3.00 PM at above office. (4)** Date of opening of Technical Bid Tender Document: **27.08.2020 at 4.30 PM.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division

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Vijayapur City Corporation, Vijayapura.

Phone:08352-278539, Helpline: 08352-222474
Fax.No:08352-278532, Website: www.bijapurcity.gov.in
e-mail Id: itstaff_ulb_bijapur@yahoo.co.in

NO:VCCV/PWD/SFC Special/TN/2020-21 Dated:14.08.2020

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Online E-proc are recalled for work, Subjected to standard Bid Documents Terms and conditions of KW-4 are called under SFC Special Fund 2019-20. All Interested PWD Registered Contractors can participate in the the Tender Process, for more details regarding the Tender process, terms and conditions please visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Or Contact PWD section of Vijayapur City Corporation, Vijayapur during the office timings only.

Name of Work: 1) Construction of RCC Strom Water Drain & Foot Path (LHS & RHS) at Ward No. 22 from D.Devaraj Urs Circle to Rana Pratap Singh circle. (Indent No: DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT104670). **Estimated Amount Rs.500.00 Lakhs. EMD Amount Rs.5,00,000/-. Work Period: 3 Months.**

1) Last date for Tender Submission: **01.09.2020** at 4-00 PM
2) Date of Technical bid Opening : **03.09.2020** at 4-30 PM
3) Date of Financial bid Opening : **10.09.2020** at 5-000 PM

If at all the prescribed date for tender process happens to be a Govt. holiday the next working day should be Considered for the tender process

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayapura City Corporation, Vijayapura

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30.08.2019 calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors - **(1)Mr. Syed Imran Ahmed, S/o Late Syed Mustaq Ahmed, New No:71, Old No.12, Pipeline Road, 5th Cross, Ramaiah Layout, Jaraganahalli, Ilyas nagar [Behind Dayanand Sagar College], Bengaluru-560078 also at D No.7, Devarajursnagar Old Guddahalli Opp: Kintos School Bengaluru-26, 2) Mr.Syed Rehman Ahmed S/o Late Syed Mustaq Ahmed D.No.7, Devarajursnagar old Guddadahalli Oppo. Kintos School Bengaluru-26, 3) Mrs.Fathima W/o Mr.Zameer Baig D/o Late Syed Mustaq ahmed D.No.7, Devarajursnagar old Guddadahalli Oppo.Kintos School Bengaluru-26 4) Mr.Kantharaj J A S/o Late C Joseph "Ashirwad" No.349 18-"F" Main, 6th Block, Koramangala Bengaluru-34** to repay an total amount mentioned in the notice being **₹6,36,147.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred and Forty Seven only)** under PS-Term Loan **A/c No.0537001800015801** along with future interest from 03.08.2019 within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on this **14.08.2020**

The borrowers,the mortgagorsand the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Ashoknagar Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹7,33,946.00** under **TL A/c No.0537001800015801 along with future interest from 02.08.2020,** plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing No.12, New No.71, Khatha No.6 in survey No.52 situated at 5th Cross, Iliyaznagar, Ramaiah layout, Pipeline Road, Behind Dayanand Sagar, Engineering College, Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the Jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwarinagar CMC, Bengaloru 560078 comprising of land measuring East to West 29 ft, North to South 21 ft with building constructed thereon belonging to Mr.Syed Imran Ahmed, Mr.Rehman Ahmed and Mrs.Fathima. **Boundaries of Property: East by:** No.72, 3 Floor Building, **West by:** Property of Kasim, **North by:** Road (5th Cross), **South by:** Property of Krishna Reddy & other Residential Building

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 14.08.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Regd office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051
Corporate office: Kotak Infiniti, Bldg No 21, Infinity Park, General AK Vaidya Marg, Malad (E), Mumbai – 400 097 www.kotak.com

AUCTION - NOTICE

That the below mentioned Borrower/s had availed gold loan facility against security of the gold ornaments/ items, as specified below. The Borrower/s defaulted in due repayment of the instalments and outstanding dues and as a result of which the Bank was constrained to issue notices calling upon the Borrower/s to repay the outstanding amounts. However, the Borrower/s has failed to repay/clear his outstanding dues thereby compelling the Bank to auction the gold ornaments pledged in favour of the Bank.

The auction of the below mentioned gold ornaments would be held at :- Respective Branches

Date: 29.08.2020 Time: 11.00 AM

Apac	Account No	Borrower Name	State	Location	Branch	Gr. wt (Gms)
GLN1629924	GLN1629924	Prasant Deep Gupta	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	230.04
GLN1692502	GLN1692502	MR MOHAMMED SHARIQ	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	33.10
GLN1772719	GLN1772719	MR JAIN NIKINT	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	165.75
GLN1781874	GLN1781874	MR JAIN NIKINT	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	111.95
GLN1371406	GLN1371406	MR MANJUNATH M M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	32.31
GLN1716831	GLN1716831	Ashok H R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	312.18
GLN1737018	GLN1737018	Ravindra V D	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	71.10
GLN1724939	GLN1724939	Jadhav Ashok	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	39.52
GLN1751080	GLN1751080	K Mohan Rao	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	26.25
GLN1750239	GLN1750239	K Mohan Rao	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	95.84
GLN1255360	GLN1255360	Maria Anthonia	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	547.39
GLN1602508	GLN1602508	Rafeeq Pasha	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	102.64
GLN1747720	GLN1747720	MR MOHAMMED SHAFI	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	255.44
GLN1299871	GLN1299871	MR MOHAMMED MUSAIB	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	35.67
GLN1442176	GLN1442176	Nayeem Pasha	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	219.03
GLN1767150	GLN1767150	MR PURUSHOTHAM P.M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	33.86
GLN1779247	GLN1779247	MR PURUSHOTHAM P.M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	31.32
GLN1778453	GLN1778453	MR PURUSHOTHAM P.M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	92.53
GLN1778771	GLN1778771	MR PURUSHOTHAM P.M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	96.68
GLN1457830	GLN1457830	R B U Bhaaskaran	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	91.64
GLN1457641	GLN1457641	MRS TARANNUM BANU	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	65.81
GLN1716528	GLN1716528	Rampur Jayalakshmi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	70.07
GLN1199076	GLN1199076	Shruthi H P	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	39.75
GLN1709808	GLN1709808	Shreedhar V Hegde	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	19.07
GLN1715850	GLN1715850	Mukundan Jayaraj	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	57.77
GLN1306174	GLN1306174	Vedavathi .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	50.39
GLN1182077	GLN1182077	Vedavathi .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	77.54
GLN1306121	GLN1306121	Vedavathi .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	106.88
GLN1373504	GLN1373504	H Lakshmi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	88.40
GLN1501371	GLN1501371	H Lakshmi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	106.39
GLN1430129	GLN1430129	H Lakshmi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	38.49
GLN1389218	GLN1389218	H Lakshmi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	38.89
GLN1686349	GLN1686349	Priyathama Behera	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RTNAGAR	23.50
GLN1613328	GLN1613328	MRS SUDHA GOPAL	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	286.98
GLN1613289	GLN1613289	MRS SUDHA GOPAL	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	282.98
GLN1692459	GLN1692459	S Usha Devi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	34.08
GLN1643924	GLN1643924	MRS UTTARADI SASIKALA	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	77.31
GLN1669906	GLN1669906	Avinash M U	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	29.20
GLN1702300	GLN1702300	Avinash M U	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	51.80
GLN1745674	GLN1745674	Cheemaladinne Siva	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	27.40
GLN1779623	GLN1779623	MR LENIN NATRAJAN	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	72.08
GLN1663987	GLN1663987	MR RIYAZUR RAHMAN	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	266.40
GLN1774821	GLN1774821	MR RIYAZUR RAHMAN	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	263.46
GLN1628252	GLN1628252	Ashwin K C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	523.35
GLN1589738	GLN1589738	Ashwin K C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	540.33
GLN1480720	GLN1480720	Rakesh R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	41.39
GLN1545507	GLN1545507	Manjunatha .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	355.15

Bidders are requested to Submit a copy of their Photo – identity, signature and address proof along with their original for verification together with two recent photographs on the day of auction. The Bank reserves the right to change the venue/date/time of auction or cancel the auction without any notice to bidders.

The cost of the auction process will be debited to the customer account. Bank reserves the right to recover the balance amount from the customer if the bid amount is insufficient to meet the payoff amount of the account.

For any further details regarding the terms and conditions of the auction, you are required to contact the below mentioned person/s.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
Ph - 8197072323

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Regional Office, Bengaluru North: 4th Floor, Vijaya Towers, 41/2, M G Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru–560 001. Ph: 080-25584066 (Extn. No.: 362/394/520), Email: legal.blrnorth@bankofbaroda.co.in / recovery.karnataka@bankofbaroda.co.in / recovery.blrnorth@bankofbaroda.co.in, / drm.blrnorth@bankofbaroda.co.in Website: www.bankofbaroda.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below

Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Description of the immovable / movable properties	Branch Name and Total Dues	Last date for EMD remittance and Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price EMD and Bid Increase amount Contact details	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1)	**Borrowers:** **1) Shri Vijay Reddy 2)Smt. Sumithra,** Both are residing at No. 05, 31st Cross, 22nd Main, Subramanya Swamy Temple, Tilaknagar South Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 **Guarantor: Mr. Suryakanth B H S/O Mr Hosamani Basavaraj,** No 05, 2nd Main, Supar Market, S R K Garden, Jayanagar, Bangalore	**Schedule 'A':** All the Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Old no-32/8, New Municipal No-570/2844/32/8 Situated at Nagadevanhalli Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk presently with in the limits of BBMP ward no-130 measuring on East to west 37.00 ft and north to south on eastern side 82.4 ft., on western side 73.00 ft. Totally measuring 2876.90 sq ft, and	**Branch: Peenya EVB** A/c No: 117308351000127 Rs. 42,55,850/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh fifty five Thousand Eight Hundred fifty Only) as on 31.07.2020 with further interest from 01.08.2020 along with costs and other charges.	**EMD remittance last date : 02/09/2020 Date of Auction : 03-09-2020 1.00 PM to 2.00 PM**	**Reserve Price: Rs. 53,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Only) EMD: Rs. 5,30,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) Bid Increase amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five Thousand Only)**	**Vacant Site Physical Possession**	**After 18-08-2020 (10 AM to 5 PM) Contact: 94804 68857**
		Bounded By, East By: Private property, West By: Remaining portion of same property bearing no-32/8, North By: Property belong to Bhogi Doddaiah , South By: Road and Property belong to Chikkanna **Schedule 'B' :** Out of scheduled 'A' property the western portion of residential immovable property bearing Old No-32/8, New Municipal No-570/2844/32/8, Situated at Nagadevanahalli Village Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk presently within limits of BBMP ward no-130 measuring on East to west 25.00 ft and north to south on eastern side 63.00 ft., on western side 60.00 ft. Totally measuring 1537.5 sq ft, and bounded on: East By: Remaining portion of scheduled 'A' property bearing no-32, West By: Private property, North By: Property belong to Bhogi Doddaiah, South By: Road and property belong to Chikkanna					

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on . 080-25011520

Date: 17-08-2020, Place: Bangalore — Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

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MYSORE - VONTIKOPPAL BRANCH

13/1 & 13/2, Temple Road, V. V. Mohalla, MYSORE - 570002. Ph:-0821-2513582-2513211

DEMAND NOTICE

Borrowers : M/s FORTIUS IT SERVICES PVT. LTD., Special Plot No.6, KSSIDC Industrial Area, Hebbal, Mysore - 570016. **1. Mr. Sridhar Krishna Iyengar,** #700, 17th Main, Saraswathipuram, Mysore-570009
2. Mr. G N Madan Mohan, #11643 B, 2nd Main Near Kuvempunagar Bus depot, Aravindanagar Mysore-570023
3. Mr. Sarvesh Kumar M S, # 004, Olety Kalyani, 9th Cross, 1st Main Road, Kalyan Nagar, Moodalpalya circle, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 560072
4. Mr. Umesh B., # 154, 2nd Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarabhavi Road, Bangalore-560072

Sub: Notice dated: 11-08-2020 issued u/sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by VV Mohalla, Branch Mysore

The credit facilities availed by you has been classified as NPA on 30-07-2019. You have executed loan documents while availing the facilities & created security interest in the following assets. The particulars of dues & details of assets is as under.

Loan A/c No.	Amount Due. Rs:	Date of Notice	Description of the Mortgaged Property	Date of Mortgage
ODGEN-565101000059442	**Rs. 1,85,92,205/- Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred and Five Only**	11.08.2020	**1.** Property In the name of UMESH:- All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No. 13, CMC Katha No. 775/791, and Site Bearing No. 14, CMC Katha No. 776/792, curved out of BBMP katha Nos. 857 / 775 / 791 / 816 / 844, Formed in Sy No. 23, New Sy No. 65, Re.Sy.No. 67, (duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District. Bangalore, Vide Conversion, Order No. BDIS / ALN.SR(S) 394/1991-92, dated: 07-07-1992) Boomika layout, BBMP Ward no 198, situated at Mylasandra Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 80ft, North to South 65ft totally Measuring 5200 sqft. **Bounded on to the Boundaries: East:** Site No 15, **West:** Site No 12, **North:** Road, **South:** Private Property **2.** Property in the name of S Sarvesh Kumar: All the piece and parcel of the Residential Flat no 004 on the Ground Floor of 'OLETY KALYANI' Built on Corporation Muncipal No. 5, PID No. 38-30-5, Situated at 9th Cross, Kalyanagar, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No. 38, Now Corporation Ward No. 127, Bangalore,Measuring 610 sqft undivided share of right with car parking. Measuring Super build up area1520sqft. **Bounded on to the Boundaries: East:** Road, **West:** Staircase & Flat no 001, **North:** Flat no 003, **South:** Road 3. Property in the name of Sarvesh Kumar M S: All the piece and parcel of Residential Site Property Bearing No.79 and Khata Janjer No 397(old no 342) Measuring East to West 12 mtr and North to South 18 mtr, totally measuring 216 sqmt. Formed and developed by Kanaka House Building Society in Different Converted lands situated at Maadagalli Village, yelwala Hobli, Mysore taluk, Mysore dist. **Bounded on to the Boundaries: East:** Site No 80, **West:** Site No 78, **North:** Road, **South:** Site No 88 **4.** Property in the name of Sarvesh Kumar M S: All the piece and parcel of Residential Site Property Bearing No.455 and Khata Janjer No 550(Old no 342) Measuring East to West 12 mtr and North to South 18 mtr, totally measuring 216 sqmt. Formed and developed by Kanaka House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd. in Different Converted lands situated at Maadagalli Village, yelwala Hobli, Mysore taluk, Mysore dist. **Bounded on to the Boundaries: East:** Site No 456, **West:** Site No 454, **North:** Road, **South:** Road	**21.08.2017**

In terms of the said notice, you were called upon to pay the sum of **Rs. 1,85,92,205-00** together with future interest thereon compounded with monthly rests and cost of notice, within 60 days from the date of the said notice, failing which, the secured creditor shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the rights under 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. Please note that we intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of your failure to discharge your liability in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication. The same is published in terms of Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Further, in terms of Section 13[3] of the Act, you shall not transfer the Secured Assets from the date of publication of this Notice without Bank's consent. The Section 13(2) demand notice issued earlier that is on 05/12/2019 stands recalled.

Place: Mysore
Date: 18-08-2020

Authorised Officer

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Rajendra Dubey** alias **Dube Rajendra Ganpatprasad** S/o **Ganpatprasad Parmeshwardayal Dubey,** R/at of: The Canopy, G-005, 7th Cross, Nanjappa Garden, Babuspalya, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name to **RAJENDRA GANPATPRASAD DUBEY** vide affidavit dated: 17/08/2020 before Notary B.Seshagiri Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHILPASHREE M.S,** W/o. Muzamil Shafiulla Sheik, residing at No. 8, 8th Main, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHILPASHREE M.S** to **(NEW NAME) SARA** vide affidavit Dated 17/08/2020 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. MUKES JAIN @ S. MUKESH KUMAR JAIN,** S/o. B. Shanthilal Jain, aged about 44 years, R/a No. 1, 7th Cross, Jain Temple Street, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUKES JAIN** to **MUKESH BAMBKI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUKESH BAMBKI,** vide affidavit dated 17-08-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRINIVASA.B,** R/at No.133, 10th Cross, 5th main, west of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bengaluru- 560086 have changed my name to **VINAY RAJA SRINIVAS** vide affidavit dated: 17/08/2020 before Notary **N.K.Lakshmana** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMAN RAM** S/o Mr. Rama Mohan Sunku, aged about 35 years, residing at No.20, 4th 'A' Main, 6th Cross, N.S.Palya, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-76, I have changed my name from **SUMAN S R** to **SUMAN RAM,** vide affidavit dated 17.08.2020, before Notary **ARAVIND PATIL. G.G,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I **Mrs. KHADIJA ZAHIDA HAMZA,** W/o Late Ameer Hamza, aged 55 years, R/a No. 24, Davis Road, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-84, hereby declare that **VAMANJOR KATHIJA ZAHIDA & KHADIJA ZAHIDA HAMZA** are one and the same belongs to me only. Henceforth I shall be known and called as **KHADIJA ZAHIDA HAMZA,** vide affidavit dated 14th August 2020, sworn before advocate and notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHESH V,** R/at No.261, 12th main, Kallappa Block, Srinagara, Bengaluru-560050 have Changed my Minor Son's name from **SAATHVIK.M** To **SHANVIK. M** vide affidavit dated: 17/08/2020 before Notary **Aravind Patil. G.G** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MERLIN ALEXANDER,** W/o. NIBIN BAL M.B., R/a # 06, NS Bhavan, S. Bingipura, Brundhavan Layout, Bengaluru-560105 have changed my name to **NIYA NIBIN** vide affidavit dated 14-08-2020, before notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AUDHESH KUMAR TIWARI,** resident of House No.35/2, Hemalatha Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Puttaiah Compound, Ashwath Nagar, Bangalore-560094, have changed my son's name from **ARYAN TIWARI** to **ARYAN KUMAR TIWARI,** vide Affidavit Dated 17-08-2020, before Notary Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEEPTHI BHANDARY,** D/o DINESH BHANDARY, R/o No. 1-79, Near Temple Adyapady, Mangalore Tq, Dakshina Kannada – 574142 hereby declares that my name has been mentioned as **DEEPTHI** in my Aadhar Card & Pan Card by mistake & My correct name is **DEEPTHI BHANDARY,** vide affidavit dated 17.08.2020 sworn before notary D Sarala Kumari, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NARAYAN,** S/o. GOPAL KRISHNA R/a # 54, Gokul Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Hubballi-580030, camp at Bengaluru have changed my name to **NARAYAN GOPALKRISHNA GAONKAR** vide affidavit dated 14-08-2020, before notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHASHI REKHA RAO G.,** W/o. Sreenivasa Rao Gudivada, Resident of No. 3A, 32nd Cross, BSK Near Devegowda Bunk, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085, have changed my name from **SASI REKHA LAKSHMI NARAYAN** to **SHASHI REKHA RAO G.** Vide affidavit dated 14-8-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Smt. Rajamani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SAKUNTALA MOHAN,** Spouse of Varikazhayil Krishna Mohanan, residing at SMQ No. P/3/6, Akash Vihar Camp, ASTE Air Force, (Opp) Brand Factory, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SAKUNTALA MOHAN** to **(NEW NAME) SAKUNTHALA MOHANAN.S.V.** vide affidavit Dated 04/07/2020 sworn before Notary D. Guna Shekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BEENA DEVI** W/o Manoj Kumar Saw, residing QTR No.71/05, Baird, Barrackde, CKN Road, Deckson Road, Bangalore-42, Karnataka State, I have changed my name from **VINA DEVI** to **BEENA DEVI,** Vide affidavit dated 17.08.2020, before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We. **MOHAMMED NISHAT KHAN,** Aged about 49 years and **SHAHANA AFROZ SIDDIQUI,** Aged about 43 years, both residing at No.7, 1st Cross, New Kalasipalyam, VTC Bangalore North PO, Bangalore City, Karnataka. PIN:560 002. Hereby declare that, We have changed our minor daughter's name from **'MAAH-RUKH SHIFA KHAN' to "MAARUKH SHIFA KHAN"** and also name of the Father from **'NISHAT KHAN' to "MOHAMMED NISHAT KHAN"** and also name of the mother from **'SOW. SHAHANA KHAN' to "SHAHANA AFROZ SIDDIQUI"** in all our official records, deeds and education documents etc., in future. Vide Affidavit dated 17.08.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public Mahesha J.J, Bangalore.

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Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said on Monday night that she tested positive for Covid-19. "I have added to the covid count by testing positive. Mild symptoms and I hope it stays that way," she tweeted.

Police take over Mulanthuruthy church

Onakkoor Church under dist admin too; despite stiff resistance, cops in PPE suits take protesters into custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kochi

AFTER hours of stiff resistance and tension, the Ernakulam district administration on Monday took over the control of the centuries-old Mulanthuruthy Marthoman Church and Onakkoor Sehiyon Church at Piravom, after the police arrested and removed bishops and senior priests. Hundreds of faithful including women, children and bishops had been holding a prayer protest inside the Mulanthuruthy church premises from Friday against the High Court directive to take custody of the church.

Around 5am on Monday, the police broke open the gates and entered the church premises and forced the faithful to leave the premises. A few priests and faithful who had assembled inside were believed to have been injured in the ruckus.

Police officials arrest bishops and the faithful protesting at Mulanthuruthy Marthoman Church in Kochi on Monday | EXPRESS

"We are not terrorists or people who have committed some crime. We were peacefully protesting following all Covid guidelines. They applied force and also used lathis. Some of the faithful were injured," said Metropolitan Kuriakose Mar Theophilos, spokesperson of the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Christian Church, who was arrested by the police and later released.

Among those arrested were hundreds of faithful and also Joseph Mar Gregorios, Metropolitan Trustee of the Jacobite Church. The district administration took the action as per the High Court directive issued on August 12.

> **Altogether 65 faithful including bishops who protested at Mulanthuruthy and 22 faithful who protested at Onakkoor church were arrested**
>
> Police official

"In the history of the Jacobite Syrian Church, this day will be considered as a black day," said Fr Sleeba Paul Vattavelil, priest trustee of the Jacobite Church.

Sub-Collector Snehil Kumar Singh, Ernakulam Rural SP K Karthik and revenue officials arrived at the church. In the wake of the Covid pandemic , around 50 police officials wearing PPE kits were deployed.

"The churches were locked and the keys handed over to the district administration," said a police official.

GONE TOO SOON

Actor-filmmaker Nishikant Kamat dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ HYDERABAD

ACTOR-filmmaker **Nishikant Kamat** passed away on Monday afternoon in Hyderabad, after succumbing to liver cirrhosis and multiple organ failure. He was 50.

Nishikant was diagnosed with chronic liver disease and secondary infections, and was admitted to AIG Hospitals in Hyderabad. At noon on Monday, it was erroneously reported that Nishikant had died, followed by clarifications that he was on ventilator support in critical condition. Eventually, his death was confirmed in a statement by the hospital.

"Mr Nishikant Kamat (50 years, Male) was admitted to AIG Hospitals on 31st July, 2020, with complaints of fever and excessive fatigue," the hospital stated.

"It was diagnosed that he was suffering from liver cirrhosis for the past two years. Initially, we started antibiotics and supportive medications upon which Mr Kamat showed improvement, but his condition soon deteriorated with progressive liver dysfunction and drowsiness. He was immediately shifted to the ICU, where his general condition gradually declined. From afternoon on Monday, his vital parameters started declining and at 16:24 hours, he succumbed to his illness," the statement read.

Nishikant had directed Marathi films like *Dombivali Fast*, *Lai Bhaari* and *Fugay*. In Bollywood, he was noted for his directorials like *Mumbai Meri Jaan*, *Force*, *Drishyam*, *Madaari* and *Rocky Handsome*. He had also directed the 2007 Tamil remake of *Dombivali Fast*, titled *Evano Oruvan*. He was known as an actor too, with memorable contributions in films like *Rocky Handsome*, *Daddy* and *Bhavesh Joshi Superhero*.

K'taka's 'Target 2030' to improve edu sector

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IN order to achieve all goals aimed under the National Education Policy (NEP) in the next 10 years, the State Government has come up with a plan, 'Target 2030', Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan told media persons on Monday.

He said that under the plan, six research-centric, 10 teaching-centric universities and 34 autonomous educational institutions will come up in the State in three years.

After discussing with Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar, the Deputy CM said the task force constituted to implement NEP will produce a draft report, which is being created keeping in mind the educational requirements of the state, in the next five days.

"Education holds the key in resolving numerous issues that plague society. In this view, the changes that need to be made at the primary, secondary and higher education levels have been clearly listed out in the NEP," he said.

Explaining the government's plan to make the process surrounding the implementation of the NEP a state-wide movement, the Deputy CM said all stakeholders will be taken into confidence.

Kumar discussed various dimensions of the policy and its implementation with his officials. Having envisioned a long-term development plan, Kumar told officials to frame the policy in a way that addressed critical issues such as reducing the drop-out rates so that the state achieves a remarkable progress in the next two decades so that the state can make a lot of progress in the next two decades.

ASSEMBLY SESSION IN SEPTEMBER?

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THE Karnataka Assembly session is likely to be held for 10 days in the third week of September. However, the final date will be decided in the cabinet meeting on Thursday.

Article 174(1) of the constitution mandates that there should not be a gap of more than six months between sessions. As the last session was conducted in March 2020, it is obligatory for the state government to conduct it in September.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minster J C Madhuswamy said that there are many suggestions on the dates, but it will be decided in the cabinet meeting on Thursday.

There are various proposals before the state government on conducting the Assembly session in the midst of the pandemic, after taking all the recommended precautionary measures. One of the suggestions is to put a barricade between two seats. MLAs who are over 60 years of age and legislators with ailments will especially be taken care of. "The number of days is likely to be restricted from seven to 10 days," he said.

Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri said that he is waiting to hear from the state government on conducting the session. When asked if they have plans to conduct the sessions outside Vidhana Soudha, Kageri said he will give a plan of action once the government decides on the date.

EXPRESS READ

UK launches £1.5-million fund for Covid fight in K'taka

Bengaluru: To support scientists to tackle the two most acute global challenges — Covid-19 and threat to the environment —the United Kingdom has launched a £1.5-million Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Innovation Challenge Fund in Karnataka. The project is part of the UK-India Tech Partnership. Under the fund, tech innovators with connections to the AI-Data cluster in the State, can submit research and development proposals on tackling Covid-19 and on promoting a greener planet. Grants up to £2,50,000 are expected to be awarded. Applicants have to submit bids as academic-industry consortia, ideally with an international member. The deadline for submitting two-page concept notes is August 31. Further details can be accessed on the website —bit.ly/AIandData3Million. Jeremy Pilmore-Bedford, British Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and Kerala, said, "I am thrilled to announce the launch of AI and Data Innovation Challenge Fund. The launch comes at a time when excellent collaboration between the UK and Karnataka in the field of technology and healthcare cannot be more important." In April 2018, the Prime Ministers of India and the UK had announced the formal creation of the UK-India Tech Partnership. **ENS**

JDS to petition BSY against changes to various Acts

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THE JDS will continue to protest against amendments to the Land Reforms Act, AMPC Act and Industrial Disputes Act, and will hold protests across all districts while following the guidelines on Covid-19 safety, said party supremo H D Deve Gowda.

Speaking after holding a meeting with party leaders, including district unit presidents via video conference on Monday, he said the district units will submit a memorandum to their respective Deputy Commissioners. A memorandum will also be submitted to the Chief Minister.

The JDS has recently launched protests against the amendments, which the party termed as anti-people. Former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy and other leaders attended the virtual meeting.

On violence and arson in DJ Halli and KG Halli in Bengaluru, the former PM said inquiry must be conducted by a sitting High Court judge and innocent people should not be troubled.

Gowda expresses concern over Naga negotiations

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FORMER Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda on Monday expressed concern that the Central government's negotiations with NSCN (I-M) to resolve the Naga problem has run into rough weather. "From the recent statements made by those involved in the negotiations, it is apparent that distrust has crept in," the JDS supremo said in a statement.

Gowda said the Naga ceasefire agreement in 1997, which followed his meeting with Isak Chishi Swu and Thuingaleng Muivah in Zurich, in February 1997, was a result of constructive diplomacy. "We should ensure that the progress made in the last 23 years by successive governments does not get forsaken now," he said.

The people of the North East deserve to live in harmony and witness economic progress, he said.

35 acres of forest land recovered

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AFTER nearly 12 years, Bengaluru Urban division of the Karnataka Forest Department recovered 35 acres of Bhootanahali Minor Forest in Anekal which had been encroached. Four people, including a gram panchayat member, had encroached on the land and used it as farmland. However, for the past three-four years, it has not been cultivated.

A writ petition challenging the Forest Department's orders was filed with the High Court in 2010. It was in July 2019 that the court passed an order in favour of the Forest Department, which subsequently issued notices to clear the encroachment.

The 35 acres are only a small part of the 540-acre Bhootanahalli forest, of which 160 acres is still encroached. "We will recover another 25 acres soon. The area is important as it is next to Bengaluru where land prices are high. The people who had encroached the land had political backing," a forest department official said.

"Reclaiming forest land is difficult," the official said, as revenue officials illegally hand over forest land or do not clear the forest department files.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TAMIL NADU ROAD SECTOR PROJECT II
BID NOTICE NO. TNRSP II/AF_EPC12, dated. 14.08.2020

1. The Superintending Engineer (H), TNRSP II on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu invites bids for **"Strengthening and Widening of Malliyakarai - Attur road of SH-30 (km. 81/125-91/200) under Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracting mode"**
2. The bid document will be available online **from 18.08.2020 at 11.00 hours** (IST) and should be submitted online in the website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
3. Kindly refer the Request For Bids (RFB) uploaded as part of Bid document in **www.tntenders.gov.in** for details.
4. Pre bid meeting will be held on **27.08.2020 at 11.00 hours (IST)** (Refer RFB for more details)
5. Deadline for online submission of Bids : **on or before 11.00 hours (IST) on 21.09.2020**
6. Date of online Technical Bid opening : **at 11.45 hours (IST) on 21.09.2020**

Superintending Engineer (H), (For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu)
Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II, Chennai-28. TNMB Building, 1st Floor,
171, South Kesavaperumal Puram, Off Greenways Road, R.A.Puram, Chennai- 600 028. Tamil Nadu, India.
Telephone No: +91 44 24951072, Email: tnrsp1@gmail.com Website:www.tnrsp.gov.in

DIPR/3084/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TAMIL NADU ROAD SECTOR PROJECT II
BID NOTICE NO. TNRSP II/AF_EPC11, dated. 14.08.2020

1. The Superintending Engineer (H), TNRSP II on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu invites bids for **"Four Laning of Omalur to Mecheri section of SH 222 Ex.km 1.150 to Ex.km 14.300 under Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracting mode"**
2. The bid document will be available online **from 18.08.2020 at 11.00 hours** (IST) and should be submitted online in the website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
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6. Date of online Technical Bid opening : **at 11.30 hours (IST) on 21.09.2020**

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, TRICHY-1
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No.NIT.08/2020-21/SE/B/C&M/C/TRY/Dated:17.08.2020
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM / ITEM WISE TWO COVER SYSTEM

For and on behalf of The Governor of Tamilnadu Sealed Tenders are invited from the PWD eligible Registered Contractors by the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction & Maintenance) Circle, Trichy – 620 001, for the following work.

Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work	Period of Completion	EMD in favour of
Construction of IT Building in ELCOSEZ - NAVALPATTU, Trichy District. EMD Rs.21,23,500/-	Rs.42.27 Crores	18 Months	Executive Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Division, Trichy

ELCOT is a Developer under SEZ Act and Rules, all supplies made to ELCOT are Zero rated under GST. Therefore, the quoted price to exclude all output taxes on supplies to ELCOT.

Tender Schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and also available in the office of the undersigned at a cost of Rs.15,000/- + Rs.1800/-(GST). Tender schedule will be made available from **20.08.2020 to 17.09.2020** upto **5.45 PM**. Last date of receipt of Tender is **18.09.2020** upto **3.00 pm** and Pre-Qualification cover only will be opened on the same day at **3.30 pm** by the undersigned. Contractors eligiblity conditions and all other conditions are available in the above website.

Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.,
Buildings (C&M) Circle, Trichy-1.

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4	Construction of Additional Class Room (Two Rooms) for Rain affected Government Higher Primary School No.2 Building at AMARGOL Village in Navalgund Taluk of Dharwad District. (BACK COTTON SOIL) KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT122688 Call-2	24.00	27/08/2020	28/08/2020	ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ
5	Construction of Additional Class Room (Three Rooms) for Rain affected Government Higher Primary School No.3 Building at MORAB Village in Navalgund Taluk of Dharwad District. (BLACK COTTON SOIL) KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT122765 Call-3	36.00	27/08/2020	28/08/2020	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
6	Construction of Additional Class Room (Two Rooms) for Rain affected Government Higher Primary School Building at SOTAKANAL Village in Navalgund Taluk of Dharwad District. (BLACK COTTON SOIL) KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT122748 Call-5	24.00	27/08/2020	28/08/2020	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
7	Construction of Government Primary School (HPS) Hulikatti Village in Kalhatagi Taluka of Dharwad District KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT123287 Call-2	11.00	27/08/2020	28/08/2020	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
8	Construction of Government Primary School (LPS) Machapur Village in Kalghatagi Taluka of Dharwad District KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT123100 Call-2	22.00	27/08/2020	28/08/2020	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
9	Repairs to Slab of Horticulture Potting Shed in Dharwad District KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT124746	2.92	27/08/2020	28/08/2020	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
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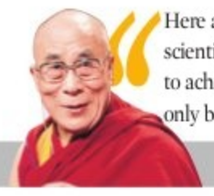

"Here and now in the 21st century, with the help of what scientists have learned about the brain, we need to learn how to achieve peace of mind. This is crucial, since world peace can only be built by individuals who are at peace with themselves

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

A PANDEMIC THAT IS EATING AWAY AT OUR BODY POLITIC

The world is virtually battling two pandemics. One has come to affect our body and health. The other is eating away at our body politic—our mind and society. Covid-19 at least holds a promise of cure, a future shield. But the pandemic of hate, misinformation and hysterical discourse that pervades 'social media' has no end in sight.

Why do we need social media actually? How have we gained from these platforms spawned by people who have become tech billionaires? It's time we asked these questions of ourselves. Yes, it has brought a democratisation of opinions, and instant communication, as the prophets told us. But what about the debilitating socio-political-economic impact, the crippling negativity it spawns? Till recently, Mark Zuckerberg, Sheryl Sandberg and Jack Dorsey were in responsibility denial mode, as a blogger-duo has correctly pointed out. Social media actually takes lives: the latest instance being the riots in Bengaluru, sparked by a tortuously looped tale of Facebook blasphemy. Weeks ago, two sadhus were beaten to death in Maharashtra, based on a false WhatsApp message. Time and again, social media posts have collectivised thinking people into unthinking mobs performing acts of pre-modern violence. On each corpse is embossed words and images from FB, WhatsApp, Twitter. Such is the acquired centrality of these platforms in our public life that the Supreme Court thought it fit to hold one of our most prominent public interest litigation lawyers, Prashant Bhushan, guilty of contempt for two tweets! So the range is vast.

A Michigan University study finds that Indians have moved from being prey to fake news to outright emotional brainwashing, a socio-cultural blackmail of sorts that's impacting behavioural patterns, producing mass hysteria … and 'influencers' who can trigger it. A year ago, Microsoft found that over 64% Indians encounter fake news on a daily basis, the worst hit among the 22 nations surveyed! The billionaires plead a fake helplessness. It's upon us.

DHONI RETIRES, LEGACY TO LIVE ON

His Test career ended over five years ago. His future in limited-over cricket was not going to get much longer. It had been 13 months since he made his last appearance in India colours. Yet Mahendra Singh Dhoni's retirement from international cricket still saw an outpouring of emotions. A nation smarting under the onslaught of a viral outbreak came together to shower admiration, respect and love for a cricketer, who will be remembered for many reasons. India's most successful captain in Tests and ODIs, the only captain in the world to win all ICC titles, batsman who forced the coinage of the term 'best finisher' in ODIs and a mega successful brand in the endorsements industry with a biopic in his name—he scaled many peaks.

Way behind his illustrious teammates purely in terms of talent and not exposed to systematic or advanced coaching in his formative years in Ranchi, Dhoni's rise was a journey against the odds. Confronting him along with the opposition was decades of belief that star cricketers come only from big cities. Not that players from the backwaters did not play for India before Dhoni, but they remained peripheral characters far away from stardom. After Dhoni, players from these places are a different lot, confident of taking on the world. This reality often gets lost under the spotlight if you look at the Indian team. But look at domestic cricket and you will find that the hegemony of big teams is gone. That this transition took place during Dhoni's time is not a coincidence. He broke stereotypes and inspired thousands to do likewise.

That is why Dhoni cannot be evaluated in terms of his cricketing deeds alone. Sticking strictly to cricket, his greatness was limited to the shorter versions. In Test matches, his records are impressive but not larger than life, as they are in the limited-over varieties. But the impact he made has the potential to motivate future generations. As long as a child picks up a bat in some far-flung corner of Chhattisgarh or Pondicherry and advertisers keep opening their purses for cricket in the times of pandemic, it will have something to do with Dhoni and his legacy.

As countries rethink their policies, it will not take time for businesses within these countries to do so as well. The time has come for the small-business model

WHY SMALL IS INDEED BEAUTIFUL

HARISH BIJOOR

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AMIT BANDRE

Schumacher was right. Small is beautiful.

I am talking not about the gentleman who had our pulses racing on the F1 track, but the German-born British economist E F Schumacher, whose time I believe has come. Schumacher's essays, published first in 1973, had the whole world thinking then. Is small really beautiful as opposed to the larger successful models of Western economics?

Looking around at a society of angst and fear in our midst as we grapple with a major pandemic, I cannot but help relate to every thought and thinker who decides to celebrate the small as opposed to the big. There's evidence we must read in our markets as we approach the subject with this thought.

Countries across the globe are rethinking models, formats, processes and systems of businesses put together over the glorious years of celebrating the big and the mighty. As countries rethink their policies, it will not take time for businesses within these countries to do so as well. The small-business model is therefore a model whose time has come. This time around with a tweak.

The tweak we will witness in this revised model for the future of businesses (and indeed for the future of countries that host these businesses) is one that depends on the small format, harvests the energy of the small and fuses it all with the brute capability of big business. As all this sounds a bit oblique, let me peek into possibilities ahead. I look into seminal clues from our immediate surroundings. I seek clues in the words of our leaders and policymakers as well.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been speaking the language of the small for a while now. Every politician from across party lines has been espousing the cause of the small, the disparaged, the removed and the distanced. The August 15 address of the PM from the ramparts of the Red Fort had him underline this even more. His highly quoted hashtags for an Atmanirbhar Bharat, a call for Vocal For Local and now possibly a Make For Global policy resonate loud and clear within the hearts and hearths of policymakers.

A peek into retail trade, which typically reads the pulse of business, tells us that businesses have gotten decimated in the wake of the virus. Look deeper still and we witness a fear syndrome at retail when it comes to walking into bigger outlets such as the ones within air-conditioned malls. The smaller high street outlets are better off on this count. There is a resurgence of shopping at the local *kirana* store as opposed to the swank supermarket. Numbers from a recent research exercise of ours across seven big cities indicate that 77% of those who used to shop at supermarkets have switched to the local *kirana*. There seems a pandemic-comfort in shopping with the small. Is small retail beautiful?

As I advise some of the corporate names in the space of IT and ITES, I am inclined to believe that 'small is beautiful' will surely be the model ahead for us to play with. Take the case of an IT end-to-end services play. I find their offices in Bengaluru deserted. In fact the Bengaluru ecosystem of office spaces is in deep turmoil. Millions of sq. feet have been let go without fanfare to date. If one is to visit some of the business districts and the offices within them, the sight is sad, with metres and metres of empty workstations. Workstations that may not be occupied again all too soon.

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The advice to the corporate then is to let go of their high-rental office space. As work-from-home becomes a practice, the reality is that home can be anywhere. The IT and ITES ecosystem of India has sourced its employees not only from the main city in which it thrives, but also from the hinterland of cities and towns all across. Many employees come to work in the big city from the small town. The employees who now work from home in the big city might as well work from their homes in the small towns of India. They might as well let go of expensive residential properties in the big city to get back to their small towns and enjoy the local food, the local set of relatives and the local ecosystem they have grown up in.

The big corporate with a big office in the big city might as well have hundreds of small offices in the hundreds of small towns and indeed in the villages of our country eventually. All you need is broadband, the ubiquitous office paraphernalia that is always mobile, and the one big office is now a thousand small offices, working just as efficiently as ever before. Risk is also divided across these thousands of offices as opposed to those small sets of offices in the big cities. Small seems to be beautiful once again.

Can this model of small is beautiful then transition into every space, apart from that of IT and the IT enabled enterprise? Can it happen in agriculture with a tweak on corporate agriculture? Can we have a corporate entity that can cluster together a whole set of small holdings with ownership titles clearly with the legacy owners, and can these small farms be made productive with profits ploughed back to the small farmer? Is this not the end solution to the millions of acres of untilled land, untouched due to the very small size of holdings that make agriculture unviable?

Can this happen in retail? In entertainment? In real estate? In literally every vertical of our lives that is today geared more to the big, as opposed to the small?

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REBUTTING CLAIMS ABOUT ORDNANCE BOARD

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The polemic by Lieutenant General P R Shankar (Retd.) titled *Why corporatisation of the ordnance board is a must* (Aug 11) makes sweeping statements. The assertion by the former director general of Artillery that almost everyone in the Armed Forces wanted privatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board on a PPP model is not true as is his statement that there is absolute clarity that the OFB is beset with major problems. His "clarity" is shared by only a few.

His allegations of a 'China hand' in the proposed workers' strike is defamatory; the workers of the ordnance factories have always given their utmost during times of war and even now have placed their view on record that they would defer their plans in national interest if the circumstances so demand.

Let us address the claim of poor quality of ammunition raised by the author. A system of early user exploitation of random samples from each manufactured lot of ammunition, introduced in December 2013, has shown a satisfaction level matching international standards. Repeat orders for the export of ammunition, supplied under self-certification, are testimony to the quality of ammunition manufactured by the ordnance factories. It is surprising that the author, who is a former director general of Artillery, is unaware of these facts.

The author superficially mentions accidents and is quick to lay the blame on the OFB. Accidents are complex phenomena attributable to a number of causes such as weapon design, maintenance and storage of ammunition. Of the Defect Investigations completed by CQA(A) in five years, the cause was attributable to failure of ammunition in only 26% of the cases and in more than 11% of them, the ammunition had already outlived its original shelf life. As per information available during the period 2010-2019, more than 100 accidents have taken place with imported ammunition as well as those purchased from private companies. On a percentage basis, the defects in ammunition imported or sourced from private industry is much higher.

The author also claims that the ammunition manufactured by the OFB has "lower-than-specified shelf lives". "Shelf life" depends on design parameters and conditions of storage. Storage is the responsibility of the Armed Forces in their depots. The assessment of shelf life is done by the designated agency and is not always determined by objective studies, or based on the documents or the declaration of OEMs. There have been instances where the same ammunition has been assigned more than one shelf life by the agency. A committee was formed to systematise this process based on standards and scientific methods and has since submitted its report, which emphasises that shelf life is equally dependant on the storage conditions.

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Over the years, steps to improve productivity and quality, and strategic make-or-buy decisions have led to improved cost competitiveness for OFB products. A comparison of the issue prices of products supplied to the Armed Forces in 2018-19 and 2019-20 reveals a reduction of around 4%, 2% and 6% for the Army, Navy and Air Force respectively.

The gains in quality, cost competitiveness, increasing exports, an overall indigenous content of 90% and 97% in ammunition, the twin successes of the 155x45 artillery guns, "Dhanush" and "Sharang", and the fact that currently 25% of the revenues of the ordnance factories come from products of in-house indigenous R&D can hardly be the attributes of an organisation with "a poor work culture" as alleged.

The author conveniently glosses over some of the major reasons for delay. Supplies are related to the availability of clear indication of requirements. Since 2009, a system of Roll on Indent for five years has been put in place where the annual requirements are indicated, though they are firmed up only when the budget is available about six months prior to the commencement of the financial year.

The first five-year Roll on Indent was received after its first year had run its course. The second Roll on Indent (2014-19) saw a drastic reduction in targets vis-a-vis Roll on Indents/Targets leading to large-scale disruption in supply chain management. The third Roll on Indent (2019-2024) is also beset with similar problems. In such circumstances, there are bound to be disruptions and delays in supplies as no plan, however flexible, can cater for such scenarios. It would, therefore, be appropriate to understand the reasons for delays in their totality instead of apportioning the blame on OFB alone.

While it is undeniable that the country and the tempo of economic activities and the nature of the accompanying policies continue to evolve as India takes her rightful place in the world, one should avoid an adamantine certitude that brooks no intervention from other voices.

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Won't affect governance

That 40% of ministers are educated only upto school level is not a big issue that would adversely affect the quality of governance. There are numerous examples of leaders with not much academic credentials, like former Tamil Nadu CM K Kamaraj, who proved themselves to be far better than their highly educated counterparts.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Grim irony

The news that about 40% of ministers across the country are educated only up to school level again confirms that politics is one vocation that needs no qualifications. It is a grim irony that at times, a minister who has not even reached high school is saddled with the higher education ministry.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Chauhan's demise shocking

It was shocking to hear about the death of UP minister and former cricketer Chetan Chauhan due to Covid-19. He was a gentleman on and off the pitch. He was almost immovable while playing, and his opening partnership with Sunil Gavaskar was legendary. His batting helped India achieve victory against the giants of cricket then.

Devadas V, Kannur

Captain Cool will be missed

A man with incredible self-belief, M S Dhoni set a glorious example for youngsters to emulate, irrespective of their field. He stole the hearts of many with his cool-headedness during tense moments that got him the title of Captain Cool. He brought so much joy to millions and will certainly be missed.

A P Thiruvadi, Chennai

Could have played on

While ardent fans feel Dhoni could have waited for some more time before retiring from international cricket, we respect his decision. He may have thought big matches and his participation in them were doubtful in the near future due to Covid-19. I wish him a happy post-retirement period.

Srinivasan B, Chennai

He has come a long way

From being a railway ticket collector to becoming the captain of the Indian cricket team, Dhoni has come a long way. He was a player of incredible instincts. Dhoni has proved his mettle on the pitch in many crucial moments and supported the team as a reliable batsman and wicketkeeper. His retirement is a heavy loss to the cricket world.

V Vijayakumar, Hanamkonda

Bad fire safety in India

This is with reference to *Tackling the frequent fire tragedies in India* (Aug 17). Two different fire accidents in two states within a short period of time is a good example of the terrible state of fire safety in the country. Because of the failure of the authorities, people are killed. It is the duty of the government to find a solution for such preventable tragedies.

S Chockalingam, Kottaram

Travelling for survival

This is with reference to *TN reboots with easier e-pass norms* (Aug 17). Relaxing the norms for e-passes is being received well, especially by the workforce. Many are forced to travel all over the state for survival. Fraught times emphasise the necessity to expand job opportunities.

Narayani P, Mayiladuthurai

Bring TV under PCI

The Press Council of India saying that there is a need to bring electronic media under its jurisdiction as well is correct. The need is acute, as debates and discussions aired are more combative than participative. The fundamental aim of media is to share news without personal slant, allowing viewers to draw their own conclusions.

B Kailash Shankar, T'puram

Her duty consciousness

I salute the armed reserve police inspector N Maheswari who, despite the sudden demise of her father the night before, led the parade as part of the Independence Day celebrations in Tirunelveli. Her duty consciousness even in the face of personal bereavement is awe-inspiring.

R Sampath, Chennai

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Your family's dubious legacy includes appropriating a permanent position in PMNRF and then diverting money from PMNRF into your family trusts.

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
The unfortunate demise of Pandit JasrajJi leaves a deep void in the Indian cultural sphere. He made a mark as an exceptional mentor to several other vocalists

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Pandit Jasraj was stunningly divine. What bhakti he exuded when he sang! He transported you to a different world altogether.

'Kamala Harris will take India on its merits'

US presidential nominee Joe Biden's running mate Kamala Harris will view India on its merits and New Delhi should also do the same, India's former Ambassadors to the US ***Navtej Sarna*** *and* ***Arun Kumar Singh*** *said in conversation with* ***Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express,*** *and author and senior journalist* ***Kaveree Bamzai*** *in TNIE Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

"Harris is on the ticket (running mate) as she is perceived to be black and portrays herself as black. She is politically correct in doing so. Historically and politically America is about white and black....Black women are the Democratic bedrock of supporters. However, she will have an influential voice on India file. She will not budge from her positions and take India on its merits," Sarna said. Singh said Harris was picked keeping in mind women voters and the Black community. "Her statements since becoming a Senator and running mate have been emphasising her Indian American identity.. We saw large numbers of Indian Americans in the Obama administration. This has been taken forward during Trump. For Indian Americans, they would be enthused irrespective of their views of American politics. Harris captures change and progress that is taking place," he said.

On the challenges and changes that would confront bilateral ties if there is a change in regime, the former diplomats said overall, we would be on a positive ground with some changes in nuances. "If we see Biden come to power, the changes will not only be for India; there will be a turning of foreign policy... It will be a change of stance for the US where they will looking back into globalisation, assuring allies, working with alliances, getting back into multilateral organisations like WHO, UNESCO, Paris Climate agreement," Sarna said.

Singh, on the other hand, felt that broadly, we will be at a good place. "The Trump administration has been supportive of us broadly on the issue of terrorism and at the same time they have gone ahead and signed a deal with the Taliban not taking fully into account India's interests. They have been supportive of us with regard to China and the Indo-Pacific, increased technology sharing and put India on strategic authorisation level-1. They called out China's aggressive actions in Ladakh but at the same time they have taken action against us on trade issues which did not happen during Obama administration. Then, there are the actions on the H1-B visas... driven by his 'America first' narrative and focusing on his own core political base which have not been so positive for India," he said, and added that each administration will pose a different set of challenges, but broadly it will be a positive trajectory.

STAFF GETS THREAT, FB DEFENDS POLICY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Delhi Police on Monday registered a case based on a complaint by senior Facebook India executive Ankhi Das that she has been receiving "violent threat to her life", while the company said its policies were impartial when it came to prohibiting hate speech across the globe, after an article published last week in *The Wall Street Journal* claimed that the social media platform overlooks hate speech by BJP leaders.

Das, who is Facebook's Director, Public Policy, India, South and Central Asia, had filed the complaint on Sunday.

"On receiving the complaint, a case has been registered under relevant sections of the law on August 17, and an investigation has been taken up by the Cyber Prevention Awareness and Detection (CyPAD) unit of the Delhi Police," a senior Delhi Police said.

In her complaint, Das alleged that many people on Facebook and Twitter are issuing her life threats, making abusive and sexual comments, and some even used her photographs to defame her. According to Das, she had been receiving the threats since the article was published on August 14.

"The content, which even includes my photographs is evidently threatening to my life and body and I fear for my safety as well as that of my family members. The content also maligns my reputation based on a news article and I am subjected to name-calling, cyberbullying and eve-teasing online," she said.

Das allegedly intervened in a review process of the communal posts of Bharatiya Janata Party's Telangana MLA T Raja Singh, the article said.

Ankhi Das, Facebook India executive

Facebook, in its statement, said: "We prohibit hate speech & content that incites violence & we enforce these policies globally without regard to anyone's political position/party affiliation. We're making progress on enforcement & conduct regular audits of our process to ensure fairness & accuracy."

MEETING

India, Nepal hold talks on development

NEW DELHI: India and Nepal on Monday held the eighth foreign ministry-level meeting of the oversight mechanism to review development projects. Sources said border talks did not feature in the virtual meeting.

The Indian delegation was led by the country's ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra while the Nepalese side was led by foreign secretary Shanker Das Bairagi. It comes days after Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli and PM Narendra Modi held a telephonic conversation amid tensions between the two nations over border issues.

"Both sides have agreed to hold the next meeting of the Oversight Mechanism on a mutually convenient date to review the progress made in the implementation of the Government of India assisted economic and development cooperation projects in Nepal," the Nepalese Foreign Ministry said. "The two sides looked at the progress made in the development projects in the last one year, including reconstruction of 46,301 quake-affected houses in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts, the operationalisation of Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross-border petroleum products pipeline, the Integrated Check Post at Biratnagar and the High Impact Community Development Projects," it added. *ENS*

India ramps up posts in Ladakh

New posts to help in better observation to quell future adventurism from the Chinese side

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA has ramped up its posts and the required facilities to deal with the Chinese planning to stretch the standoff even in winters.

"We have increased the number of posts in the eastern Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control," said a military source. This was done after an analysis of the Chinese preparations and the requirements of the winter conditions.

The new posts will help in better observation to quell any future adventurism from the Chinese side, the source said. "Chinese preparations confirm their intentions to continue the standoff deployment even in winters".

In winters the temperature hovers around minus 40-45 degree Celsius. This format of forward deployment is going to be a departure from the traditional PLA deployment of keeping troops in permanent locations much behind the LAC, said the source. The Indian Army's deployment has been in areas in isolated and high-altitude locations along the de facto border.

Meanwhile, there is a possibility of diplomatic-level talks as a meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) is expected this week. "There was a meeting on Monday between the senior military and political leaders to discuss the ongoing situation and the future responses," said the source.

Indian Army prepares to increase surveillance as China may continue standoff | PTI

Chinese preparations confirm their intentions to continue the standoff even in winters... There was a meeting on Monday between the senior military and political leaders to discuss the ongoing situation and the future responses — Source

There are around 40,000 troops on either side in eastern Ladakh with commensurate deployment of tanks, artillery and missile launchers. The two sides have also mobilised their fighter aircraft for a quick response. The standoff began in the first week of May and peaked with the clashes at Finger 4, the northern bank of the Pangong Tso. The Chinese followed it up with deployment of their troops in the Hot Spring Sector, Galwan Valley, and Depsang Bulge.

There is a precautionary deployment from the Indian side all along the 3,488 km long LAC.

'India's sensitivity to trade policies is rooted in trauma'

An article in the Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece, *The Global Times* said India's sensitiveness toward alleged foreign economic threats was deep-rooted in the historical trauma that New Delhi experienced with Western Imperialism.

The article, which quoted Chinese experts, went on to say that India failed to achieve basic agricultural self-reliance until the 1990s.

Mutual trust key for long-term interest: China

NEW DELHI: China on Monday said mutual respect and support between Beijing and New Delhi are in the right direction and in line with the long-term interests of the two nations.

"As two neighbouring countries, both home to populations of more than 1 billion, the development of China-India relations benefits not only the two countries and two peoples, but also contributes to stability and the peace and prosperity of the region as well as the world. It is the right choice for the two countries to have mutual respect and to support each other, which is in line with the two sides' long term interests," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

On PM Narendra Modi's claims that from the LoC to LAC, India has given a befitting reply to those cast an evil eye on her, Zhao said Beijing had noted Modi's speech. "We are close neighbours, we are all emerging countries with over one billion people," the spokesperson said.

Zhao said China was willing to work with India to enhance mutual political trust, properly manage differences, and safeguard the overall development of bilateral ties. *ENS*

HATE CONTENT

Oppn steps up demand for JPC, accuses FB of inaction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FACEBOOK's "inaction" against hate content "destabilises' democracy in India, the Congress alleged on Monday, sharpening its criticism of the global social media giant after a report in the *Wall Street Journal* claimed that it refused to apply hate speech rules to certain BJP politicians. The opposition also demanded for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to probe into the matter.

Congress MP and chairman of parliamentary committee on IT Shashi Tharoor also wrote to Facebook seeking reply on the article.

At a press conference, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said India is one of the most thriving democracies in the world and anybody or any platform that undermines it by "indulging in hate mongering must not be spared".

"With all responsibility, I will say that Facebook's inaction destabilises our democracy. More often than not Facebook takes no action and even worse allows objectionable content to continue despite being brought to notice," she alleged.

"We once again reiterate our demand for a JPC probe because no action which weakens our democracy and disturbs our social harmony will be tolerated," she said.

"The rules for India are dramatically different and are bent as per their convenience. In Singapore while deposing before policy makers, .

"Ironically in India, despite external complaints and red flags being raised by their own trust and safety teams, hate content has been allowed to wilfully continue," Shrinate said.

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Supriya Shrinate, Congress spokesperson

The CPI(M) Politburo condemned the role of Facebook, saying it is not following its own laid down policy against communal hate content.

"The Politburo demands that a JPC be constituted to probe this nexus. Pending the findings of the JPC, FB should be barred from operating with any government department or constitutional body like the ECI etc," it said.

41 lawyers write to SC, say Bhushan's conviction will discourage free speech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A group of 41 prominent lawyers have written to the Supreme Court against the conviction of Prashant Bhushan for criminal contempt, saying the ruling will discourage advocates from being outspoken.

The statement signed by senior lawyers such as Vrinda Grover, Dushyant Dave, Kamini Jaiswal, Karuna Nundy, Shyam Divan, Sanjay Hegde, Menaka Guruswamy and others said: "It is the duty of lawyers to freely bring any shortcomings to the notice of bar, bench and the public at large. While some of us may have divergent views on the advisability and content of Prashant Bhushan's two tweets, we are unanimously of the view that no contempt of court was intended or committed."

The judgment may discourage lawyers from being outspoken, the signatories said: "A bar silenced under the threat of contempt, will undermine the independence and ultimately the strength of the court. A silenced bar, cannot lead to a strong court."

They expressed disappointment that the court disregarded the presence of the attorney general, who they described as a respected lawyer of great eminence, and its refusal to seek his valuable opinion in the matter, which is mandated "even as per contempt law". "We are of the firm view that the judgment must not be given effect to, until a larger bench, sitting in open court after the pandemic has the opportunity to review the standards of criminal contempt," the statement says. In a separate statement, over 450 lawyers wrote to Supreme Court Bar Association president Dushyant Dave saying that the association must take up the issue with regard to proper hearing.

Registering their protest against the manner in which the criminal contempt cases were taken up against Bhushan, they said though the lawyer had filed a preliminary reply affidavit, he had sought more time to put on record a more detailed affidavit to defend himself. "However, he was denied this opportunity to defend himself, and the matter was hurriedly taken up against him and decided," it says.

SC to look at larger questions on contempt in Bhushan's case

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday framed questions to be considered by it in a 2009 contempt case against advocate Prashant Bhushan.

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra framed the questions and asked senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, who is representing Bhushan, to come back on August 24 with his response.

The court framed questions-whether such statements can be made, in what circumstances they can be made and what is the procedure to be adopted with respect to sitting and retired judges. Bhushan is facing contempt charges for his interview to Tehelka magazine in 2009 in which he was quoted as saying that half of the 16 chief justices of India were corrupt.

In another case, Bhushan was held guilty by the top court for two of his tweets on CJI S A Bobde and former CJIs. Dhavan, however, told the bench that judgment needs a relook and should be decided by a constitution bench. *ENS*

'Most e-waste recycle units violating rules'

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has found that the majority of registered e-waste dismantling and recycling units in the country were found violating waste disposal rules.

Computers, servers, monitors, printers, scanners, cellular phones, TVs, iPods, medical apparatus, washing machines, refrigerators and air conditioners are examples of e-waste when unfit for use. Electronic waste disposal is becoming a major problem globally and India is the world third largest e-waste generator but recycles less than 2 per cent of it.

According to the CPCB report on status of management of e-waste, there are 312 dismantles and recyclers in 18 states. E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 compliance verification reports of 263 dismantling and recycling facilities shows that out of these, only 206 facilities were found operational, 27 were found non-operational, 16 were found closed and status of operation of 13 facilities were not provided.

As many as 16 states said they have initiated a drive against illegal dismantling and recycling of e-waste, while 15 states didn't initiate any action.

EXPRESS READ

Rakesh Asthana appointed BSF DG

New Delhi: Gujarat cadre IPS officer Rakesh Asthana has been appointed the chief of the BSF and V S K Kaumudi the special secretary (internal security) in the Home Ministry, according to a Personnel Ministry order issued on Monday. At present, Asthana is working as the DG of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

Sacked spokesperson says 100 Cong men write to Sonia on leadership, party denies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SUSPENDED Congress leader Sanjay Jha Monday claimed that 100 Congress leaders, including MPs, have written to party president Sonia Gandhi for change in the leadership and transparent elections in the Congress Working Committee (CWC). However, the party denied it saying there is no such letter, and called it BJP's ploy to divert attention from its alleged link with Facebook.

Jha, who was dropped as a national spokesperson and later, suspended for the anti-party activities last month, tweeted: "It is estimated that around 100 Congress leaders (including MP's), distressed at the state of affairs within the party, have written a letter to Mrs Sonia Gandhi, Congress President, asking for change in political leadership and transparent elections in CWC. Watch this space."

Party's media in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, however, called it a misinformation. "Special Misinformation Group on Media-TV Debate Guidance in its whatsapp of today directed to run the story of a nonexistent letter of Congress leaders to divert attention from Facebook-BJP links. Of course, BJP stooges have started acting upon it," he tweeted.

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Sanjay Jha, suspended Cong leader

The party denied Jha's letter, but there has been a growing demand from within the party to settle the leadership issue. Many senior party leaders such as Digvijaya Singh, Manish Tewari, Shashi Tharoor and CMs from Congress-ruled states have publicly called for settling leadership issues as the foremost thing to revive the party.

Sonia Gandhi completed a year as the interim president on August 10, but there has been no announcement on the full-time party president yet.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, who was rumoured to make a comeback in April, has been unwilling to take up the onus while he continues to be the key player in all party decisions.

BEATEN TO DEATH

A woman was beaten to death in Jharkhand's Giridih district after she was branded a witch, police said. Gita Devi's family members alleged that she was beaten to death by some people of her village.

2 EMERGENCY LANDINGS BY ARMY CHOPPER

Ahmedabad	34	24	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	24	24	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	33	26	Patna	34	28
Amritsar	34	28	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	31	24	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	24
Srinagar	30	17	Chandigarh	32	26

52% in Pune exposed to Covid-19

This is the highest seroprevalence reported from any city in India so far, reveals survey

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A serosurvey carried out in areas reporting high numbers of Covid-19 cases in Pune, Maharashtra has shown that nearly 51.5% of the samples tested had antibodies against the virus, making it the highest seroprevalence reported from any city in the country so far.

The survey results are being seen as significant because they reveal the extent and ease of silent spread in high-risk areas. The serosurvey was carried out by researchers from multiple institutions, including some central government's scientific bodies, with the support of the district administration.

Pune is one of the Covid-19 hotbeds in India with 1,30,606 confirmed cases now and it long surpassed Maharashtra capital Mumbai in terms of official numbers of cases. The survey showed that the seroprevalence ranged from 36.1% in Kasbapeth-Somwarpeth to 65.4% in Lohiya Nagar-Kasewadi — two out of 5 high-incidence sub-wards where the exercise was carried out. Pune has 41 administrative sub-wards and at the time of the sample collection, between July 20-August 5, 12 sub-wards, with about 3.6 lakh or 12% of the city's total population, were the worst-hit. For the survey, samples from 1,664 randomly chosen individuals were tested.

Seropositivity of 43.9% was observed among people residing in bungalows, while it was 56-62% among those who live in tenement or hutment dwellings, say the findings. People who live in apartments had somewhat lower prevalence (33%) and the prevalence was found to be 45.3% among the people who had access to independent toilets as against 62.2% among those who shared toilets.

There was no difference between men (52.8%) and women (50.1%), while people of older age (above 66) have a lower prevalence (39.8%), the results showed.

"Our study is adequately powered as we designed it to represent all categories of age, gender and residence type," said Arnab Ghosh, one of the principal investigators of the project, who is attached with the Indian Institute of Scientific Education Research, Pune.

Other researchers associated with the exercise said that the findings have made Pune a place where epidemiologists can put to test this theoretical expectation of herd protection. "Pune Municipal Corporation has high granularity testing data which will allow them to check in the coming weeks whether the infection is slowing down or not specifically in areas with the highest seroprevalence," said a researcher. "They also plan to study antibodies to see if they are neutralizing as unless the antibodies are protective, there can be no herd protection.

A survey conducted in Mumbai had shown a seroprevalence of 57% in slums and 16% in other areas last month.

Serosurvey results ring alarm bells

SARS-COV-2 ANTIBODY SEROPREVALENCE IN FIVE HIGH-INCIDENCE SUB-WARDS

Sub-wards	Number	Prevalence of seropositivity (%)
Yerwada	367	56.6
Kasbapeth-Somwarpeth	352	36.1
Rastapeth-Raviwarpeth	335	45.7
Lohiya Nagar-Kasewadi	312	65.4
Navipeth-Parvati	298	56.7
Overall Average	1664	51.5

GENDER-WISE ESTIMATE OF SEROPOSITIVITY

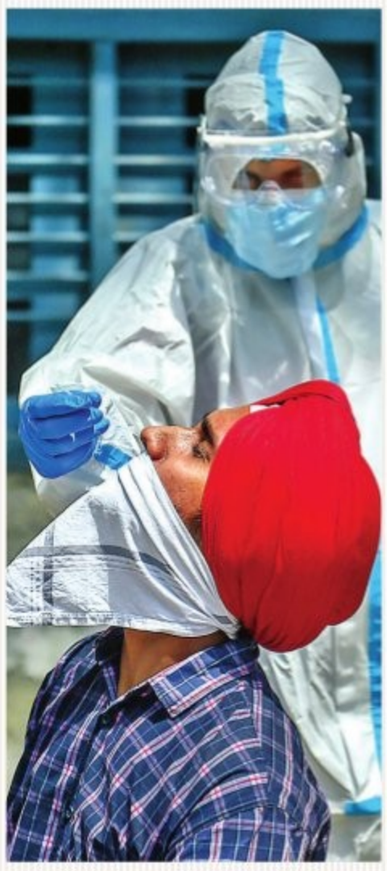
Gender	Number	Prevalence of seropositivity (%)
Male	861	52.8
Female	803	50.1

ESTIMATE OF SEROPOSITIVITY ACROSS AGE GROUPS

Age	Number	Prevalence of seropositivity (%)
18-30 yrs	395	52.5
31-50 yrs	680	52.1
51-65 yrs	418	54.8
66 yrs and above	171	39.8

ESTIMATE OF SEROPOSITIVITY BY TYPE OF RESIDENCE

Type of residence	Number	Prevalence of seropositivity (%)
Hutment	600	62.0
Tenement	536	56.2
Apartment	446	33.2
Bungalow	82	43.9



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Researcher

Pune one of Covid hotbeds

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'Will bring down positivity rate below 10 per cent soon'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AS Pune becomes one of the Covid-19 hotbeds in India with 1,30,606 confirmed cases, its Municipal Commissioner Saurabh Rao asserted that the city's mortality rate is lower than that of Mumbai.

Reacting to the sero survey report, he said, 10,000 testings are being done in a day in concentrated areas. "In Pune, the mortality rate is 2.23 per cent against 3.20 per cent of Mumbai. While Mumbai has 24 per cent positivity rate, Pune has 22 per cent. We will bring down the positivity rate below 10 per cent soon," said Rao.

Pune health officer Ramchandra Hankare also said, "Even though Kasarwadi, Lohiya Nagar, the concentrated slum pocket, in Pune has recorded highest coronavirus infection, the administration is putting all efforts to contain the virus as per the Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's suggestions of following four Ts — tracking, tracing, testing and testing."

Meanwhile, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has been also conducting several meetings and asked the officials to follow the Mumbai model to contain the virus. Murlidhar Mohal, Pune Mayor and BJP corporator also said that the administration should take the confidence the local leaders in corona fight.

Teenage girl raped, burnt with cigarette butts in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a second case of horrific sexual assault on teenagers recently, two persons were arrested and sent to jail in UP's Gorakhpur on Sunday for allegedly raping their victim on Friday in the Gola area of the town and burning her with cigarette butts.

In the second case reported the same day from the state's Lakhimpur Kheri district, two men were arrested for allegedly raping and killing a 13-year-old Dalit girl. The girl's body was found in a sugarcane field that belonged to an accused, said the police.

In the Gorakhpur incident, the victim girl was spotted by her labourer parents in an unconscious state from a brick kiln on Sunday. The victim is undergoing treatment at the district hospital.

According to Additional Superintendent of Police Vipul Srivastava, both the suspects, Arjun and Chhotu, were arrested and booked under IPC sections pertaining to rape along with POCSO Act. The accused were sent to jail, he added.

Sources said the 15-year-old victim had gone to fetch water from a hand pump on Friday night, when the two accused forcibly took her to a hut near a pond on a motorcycle and allegedly raped her.

The Gorakhpur police said that they were awaiting the victim's medical report to confirm if the injuries on the girl's body were caused by cigarette butts.

In her complaint submitted to the police, the victim's mother has said the girl had not returned home till about 8 pm on Friday from a hand pump in the village. The family started a search and found the girl early next morning.

"My daughter told me that two men kidnapped and raped her overnight and then singed her with cigarette butts," the woman said in her complaint to the police.

AYODHYA

Temple trust likely to meet in New Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

POST *bhoomi pujan*, Ram temple construction is likely to gain momentum with members of the Centre-sponsored trust meeting in Delhi on August 20 to discuss the temple roadmap.

Sources said trustees would take up the master plan for the development of 70 acres dedicated to the Janmabhoomi premises. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra general secretary and senior VHP leader Champat Rai would also meet PM, President Ram Nath Kovind, BJP stalwart LK Advani and other senior leaders and offer them '*prasad*' of the *bhoomi pujan* ceremony held on August 5.

The trust's construction committee will get the temple map approved from the Ayodhya-Faizabad Development Authority. The committee is headed by PM's close aide Nripendra Mishra. A research foundation to study the life and times of Lord Ram is also being conceptualised by the trustees. For recitation of Vedas, a Gurukul would also be set up at the Janmabhoomi complex.

3 SECURITY MEN, TERRORISTS KILLED IN J&K ENCOUNTER

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AN attack by three Lashkar-e-Toiba militants on Monday in north Kashmir's Baramulla district killed two CRPF jawans and a policeman. The militants, including a senior LeT commander, were killed in a subsequent search operation by the security forces.

Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar said a joint patrol party of the police and the CRPF came under a heavy fire at Tindim village in Kreeri around 9.30 am. The ensuing gunfight killed two CRPF men and a policeman while injuring a militant.

Soon after the incident, more forces from the police, the CRPF and the Army reached the area and launched an operation to track down the militants.

The search party too came under militant fire, triggering another encounter in which all three LeT men were killed. A jawan was injured in the encounter and is undergoing treatment at the Army hospital in Srinagar.

DGP Dilbagh Singh said top LeT commander Sajjad Hyder alias Raja was among the slain militants.

Singh called Sajjad's killing a major achievement as he was allegedly recruiting youth into militancy. One of the other two militants was a Pakistani national, the police said.

Security personnel inspect the site of Monday's attack | PTI

Patanjali mulls IPL title sponsorship bid

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

YOGA guru Swami Ramdev has said his Patanjali Ayurvedic Ltd will step in to bid for the Indian Premier League (IPL) title sponsorship if other Indian companies do not come forward.

"We have received encouragement from many quarters for IPL sponsorship. Patanjali will come to the forefront (for IPL title sponsorship) only if other Indian corporates don't make a bid. Things will be clarified soon," said Ramdev.

He said Chinese firms should not be allowed to dominate the Indian market. "The country and the whole of the world have seen the evil intentions of China. We should focus on indigenous products as we have the capacity to compete globally," said the yoga guru.

Ramdev said there was no dearth of Indian firms wanting to associate with international cricket and IPL. "We should now go out in pursuit of 'vocal for local'," he said.

The Haridwar-based Patanjali group consists of FMCG business and Ayurvedic medicines and has an estimated annual turnover of around ₹10,500 crore. It reported revenue of ₹8,329 crore in FY 2018-19.

Naga issue: Arunachal students' body warns of 'unrest' if not consulted

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

AS rhetoric over the Centre's peace process with Naga extremist group National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) reaches fever pitch, Nagaland's neighbours have begun to raise a voice.

The All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) has warned the Centre that there could be a 'largescale social unrest' in the state if it settled the 'Naga issue' without consulting all stakeholders.

Expressing opposition to the NSCN-IM's 'nefarious designs', the students' body demanded that Arunachal be kept outside the purview of any 'territorial changes' or 'administrative and political interventions' which the Centre might work out to settle the Naga problem.

The AAPSU criticised the state's BJP government and the elected representatives of Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts for their silence on the Naga talks.

A contentious demand of the NSCN-IM is the integration of the Naga-inhabited areas of Assam, Arunachal and Manipur with Nagaland. Tirap, Changlang and Longding in Arunachal are parts of the NSCN-IM's envisaged unified Naga homeland called 'Greater Nagalim', to which the neighbouring states are opposing.

Last week, the AAPSU had issued a statement claiming that there are no Nagas in Arunachal. An organisation, called the Tirap Changlang Longding People's Forum, countered the claim stating: "We, the proud Naga tribes of Tirap Changlang and Longding, hereby reiterate that we are Nagas by culture, origin and birth".

Stating that people in the three districts stand for peace, the forum said precious lives had been lost due to violence.

However, the AAPSU condemned the forum for its 'anti-Arunachal' activities. It said the elements involved in the violent activities in Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts were not home-grown.

Deve Gowda upset

Ex-PM HD Deve Gowda is upset that the Naga peace process has run into rough weather but he is hopeful that a peace accord will be reached at the earliest. "Newspaper reports indicate that the Union government's negotiations with NSCN-IM to resolve the Naga problem have run into rough weather... it is apparent that distrust has crept in," Deve Gowda said in a statement.

BJP begins survey to identify poll issues in bihar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

KEEPING an eye on the Assembly elections in October-November, the BJP has begun a survey in Bihar to know the issues close to the heart of the people. The plan is to list these issues in its vision document for polls.

BJP chief J P Nadda in a virtual meeting with the core group of the party in the state had asked the leaders to focus on extending relief to the people affected by the pandemic and floods, while also paying attention to the organisational works. "The BJP is in the process to identify the agenda for the election. This will be on the basis of objective feedback of the cross-sections of the electorate in Bihar. The party is also seeking to know the immediate and medium term expectations of the people," said a senior BJP functionary.

The Election Commission is also learnt to have sought suggestions from the parties in Bihar on ways to hold the polls, considering increase in number of polling booths to meet the norms of the social distancing.

The BJP is also learnt to be preparing a performance report of NDA government in Bihar on promises made in 2015 elections. The BJP, incidentally, had contested 2015 Assembly elections in the state on its own, while the JD (U) and teamed up with the RJD and the Congress.

"The work to identify issues in the state got delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the floods. But we are hopeful to finish the survey much before the elections are held," added the BJP functionary.

'Tulsi' plants to protect inmates from coronavirus

'Tulsi' saplings are being planted in Birsa Munda Central Jail to check further spread of coronavirus among jail inmates. According to Jail authorities, more than 4000 saplings of 'Tulsi' will be planted inside the jail premises to improve the immunity of over 3,600 inmates lodged inside it. The 'Tulsi' leaf, according to jail officials, is an immunity booster and a decision was taken to plant it inside the jail premises so that the inmates here could be administered 'kadha' made of 'Tulsi' leaves as per the recommendations of AYUSH Department.

RANCHI DIARY

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State's vegetables find markets overseas

Vegetables grown in Jharkhand have found overseas markets with the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee under the agriculture department tying up with a private agency for export of the produce. The first lot of about 2 tons of green vegetables flew by air-cargo from Calcutta airport to countries like Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates on Thursday evening. According to officials, nearly 500 farmers from Jamshedpur and Ranchi will benefit in the first phase. Producers in other parts of the State need to form a FPO and get registered with the nearest Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee to have their produce exported overseas. The department also plans to send cargo to other countries like Singapore in the next phase.

State gets new emblem on Independence Day eve

Governor Droupadi Murmu, in presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and other dignitaries, launched unveiled state's new emblem on the eve of Independence Day on Friday. The new emblem represents the state's progress, culture, flora and fauna. The circular logo is primarily green in colour representing the lush greenery in the state. The national emblem is present in the centre surrounded by four concentric rings. The second ring depicts elephants — the state animal — a symbol of strength and calmness. The third ring showcases state flower Palash reflecting the natural beauty of Jharkhand. The red colour also shows the strength to struggle and the ability to overcome adversities. The fourth ring exhibits motifs of dance to showcase the state's rich cultural heritage and centuries-old tradition. Speaking on the occasion, Soren said, "With abundant natural resources, a vibrant diverse culture and a tribal heritage with it's innumerable tribes, Jharkhand has a unique place in the country. The new emblem reflects vision, renewed vigour and enthusiasm."

MGNREGS-like scheme for urban poor

The state government has launched an employment guarantee scheme for urban unskilled workers on the lines of MGNREGA. The scheme, known as Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK (Shahri Rozgar Manjuri for Kamgar) Yojna, will not only ensure 100 days of paid work for unskilled workers in urban areas but will also provide unemployment allowance to those who do not get work under the scheme within 15 days. Jharkhand is the second state to have a full-fledged employment scheme for unskilled workers in urban areas after Kerala.

20%
cut in September and October timetable was annouced by Europe's largest airline Ryanair in view of the surge in Covid-19 cases

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	27	21	HR	Los Angeles	34	20	SNY
Colombo	31	24	TDS	Melbourne	15	9	LC
Doha	41	29	SNY	Moscow	21	10	SNY
Dubai	39	30	SNY	New York	28	20	LC
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	32	26	HR
Istanbul	29	19	SNY	Toronto	24	12	SNY
London	23	16	HR	Washington DC	29	20	LC

DEMOCRATS BEGIN VIRTUAL CONVENTION

The experimental format will allow speakers to address voters, devoid of traditional balloons, crowds & applause

MILWAUKEE

AS DEMOCRATS on Monday open an unprecedented virtual convention, the party's disparate factions are projecting a united front behind Joe Biden, brought together by their common determination to oust Donald Trump in November's election.

"It is absolutely imperative that Donald Trump be defeated," Bernie Sanders, a former Biden rival and a keynote speaker on the event's opening night, said Sunday on *ABC*'s *This Week*.

Adding to the drama, the four-day convention — originally planned for the Midwestern city of Milwaukee, but forced online by the Covid-19 pandemic — takes place amid a furor over Trump's efforts to limit mail-in voting.

The president, insisting without proof that mail-in voting fosters fraud, has threatened to block extra funding that Democrats say is urgently needed to allow the US Postal Service to process millions of ballots.

In normal election years, nominating conventions are a raucous scene, attended by tens of thousands of party faithful and designed to inspire the party's base and lure independents and the undecided.

Democrats had picked Milwaukee for its location in the important swing state of Wisconsin. The city had spent millions in preparation.

But planners have been struggling to find virtual replacements for the usual roaring applause, circus-like atmosphere and balloon drops.

Viewers are expected to be treated to live feeds from several Democratic "watch parties," some even live-streamed from drive-in theatres or featuring erstwhile Biden rivals like Senator Amy Klobuchar.

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his running mate Senator Kamala Harris during a virtual grassroots fundraiser in Delaware last week | AP

The experimental format will allow speakers to address American voters unfiltered — largely shorn of the usual overwrought stagecraft and screaming delegates.

Or, some fear, it could make for a more boring show.

Biden enters the convention with significant, but tightening poll leads over Trump and amid signs that his history-making pick of Senator Kamala Harris as his running mate — the first woman of color on a major party's presidential ticket — is widely popular among Democrats.

Democrats hope keynote speakers across four evenings will draw viewers to the prime-time slot that networks have committed to airing.

Monday's top speakers will be Sanders, a leader of the party's progressive wing, and widely admired former first lady Michelle Obama. Tuesday will see former president Bill Clinton and Jill Biden, the nominee's wife.

The convention has been overshadowed by a coronavirus pandemic that has now killed 1,70,019 Americans. Another event that threatens to steal the show is a last-minute Trump campaign tour. *AFP*

Pelosi calls House back into session to vote on Postal bill

WASHINGTON

SPEAKER Nancy Pelosi is calling the House back into session over the crisis at the US Postal Service, setting up a political showdown amid growing concerns that the Trump White House is trying to undermine the agency ahead of the election.

Pelosi is cutting short lawmakers' summer recess with a vote expected this Saturday on legislation that would prohibit changes at the agency as tensions mount. President Donald Trump's new postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, has sparked nationwide outcry over delays, new prices and cutbacks just as millions of Americans will be trying to vote by mail to avoid polling places during the coronavirus outbreak.

"In a time of a pandemic, the Postal Service is Election Central," Pelosi wrote on Sunday in a letter to colleagues, who had been expected to be out of session until September. "Lives, livelihoods and the life of our American Democracy are under threat from the president."

Trump said last week that he was blocking a $25 billion emergency injection sought by the Postal Service, as well as a Democratic proposal to provide $3.6 billion in additional election money to the states.

The Republican president worries that mail-in voting could cost him reelection.

The money for the post office is intended to help with processing an expected surge of mail-in ballots. Both funding requests have been tied up in congressional negotiations over a new coronavirus relief package. *AP*

RECAP

AUG 9 Official exit poll declares Lukashenko the victor and Tsikhanouskaya rejects the results. Anti-government protests break out

AUG 10 Official results give victory to Lukashenko with 80% of votes, far ahead of Tsikhanouskaya with 10%

AUG 11 Tsikhanouskaya flees to Lithuania. She urges to end protests in a video statement

AUG 12 1,000 people are arrested and a 25-year-old man dies after he was detained on August 9

AUG 13 Russia accuses outside forces of attempting to destabilise Belarus

AUG 14 Tsikhanouskaya calls for 'peaceful' protests in all cities. Lukashenko accuses Poland, the Netherlands, Ukraine and Russian opposition figures of being behind the protests

AUG 15 Lukashenko says that his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin has promised to help maintain security

AUG 16 Biggest-ever opposition rally in the history of the country gathers in the capital Minsk

AUG 17 Workers at a state-run factory confronted Lukashenko with chants of "Leave!"

Minsk Tractor Works Plant's workers protesting where President Alexander Lukashenko was expected to addresses employees on Monday | AP

Belarus Prez booed as protests rage on

MINSK

WORKERS heckled and jeered President Alexander Lukashenko on Monday as he visited a factory and strikes grew across Belarus, raising the pressure on the authoritarian leader to step down after 26 years in power.

On the ninth straight day of mass protests over the official results of the August 9 presidential election that demonstrators say was rigged, Lukashenko flew by helicopter to a factory in the capital of Minsk to rally support, but he was met by angry workers chanting, "Go away!"

He told the workers: "I will never cave in to pressure."

Lukashenko said the country could have a new presidential election, but only after approving an amended version of its constitution — an apparent bid to buy some time amid the growing political crisis. He told the factory workers that those who intend to strike could leave if they want, but he added that the protests are ruining the economy and said the country would collapse if he steps down.

"Some of you might have got the impression that the government no longer exists, that it has tumbled down. The government will never collapse, you know me well," the 65-year-old former state farm director shouted.

Estonia calls for UNSC meet

Estonia on Monday called for UN Security Council talks on the situation in Belarus at the earliest possible opportunity, because of the "potential threat" to international security.

United States President Donald Trump on Monday said the United States was following events "very closely" in Belarus. Trump said it was a "terrible situation," adding: "We will be following it very closely." *Agencies*

JAPAN'S ECONOMY SHRINKS AT RECORD RATE

TOKYO

JAPAN'S economy shrank at annual rate of 27.8 per cent in April-June, the worst contraction on record, as the coronavirus pandemic slammed consumption and trade, according to government data released on Monday. The Cabinet Office reported that Japan's preliminary seasonally adjusted real gross domestic product, or GDP, the sum of a nation's goods and services, fell 7.8 per cent quarter on quarter.

The annual rate shows what the number would have been if continued for a year.

Japanese media reported the latest drop was the worst since World War II. But the Cabinet Office said comparable records began in 1980. The previous worst contraction, a 17.8 per cent drop, was in the first quarter of 2009, during the global financial crisis.

"In April, May, a state of emergency was issued, it was a situation where the economy was artificially stopped so to speak, and the impact was severe," said Yasutoshi Nishimura, minister Economic and Fiscal Policy.

"These are tough numbers but they bottomed out in April and May, we would like to put all our efforts into returning to a growth trajectory," Nishimura told reporters on Monday.

The economy shrank 0.6 per cent in the January-March period, and contracted 1.8 per cent in the October-December period last year, meaning that Japan slipped into recession in the first quarter of this year. Recession is generally defined as two consecutive quarters of contraction.

By comparison, the US economy contracted at a rate of nearly 33 per cent in the last quarter, while that in the UK skidded 20.4 per cent. *AP*

THAILAND'S BIGGEST economic slump in 22 years

Thailand's economy contracted at a 12.2% annual rate in the April-June quarter. This is its sharpest downturn since the Asian financial crisis of the late 1990s

The economy shrank **2%** in the first quarter, said a report released on Monday by the National Economic and Social Development Council

3% drop in farm output

14.4% decline in manufacturing sector

DROP IN EXPORTS

28%

Exports plunged 28% from a year earlier

Service exports, which include international travel, cratered by nearly 38%

ING economist Prakash Sakpal forecast a 6.6% annual contraction for the whole year, with the GDP shrinking 7.6% in the current quarter

On a seasonally adjusted, quarterly basis, the Thai economy contracted 9.7% in April-June from the previous quarter, when it shrank 2.5%. It also logged a contraction in the last quarter of 2019, minus 0.3%, and thus has been in recession this year

The worst of the economic slump brought on by Covid-19 might be over. But with exports and tourism still missing in action, the negative GDP growth trend is here to stay for the rest of the year, and perhaps well into 2021

ING Economics

NEIGHBOURS AREN'T DOING ANY BETTER

- The economy is faring about as poorly as those of Thailand's neighbours
- Last week, Malaysia reported a 13.2% contraction in its economy in the last quarter
- Singapore's economy shrank 13.2%
- Philippines' economy shrank 16.5%

WORST SINCE 1997

It has been the worst downturn since the Asian financial crisis struck with the collapse of the Thai baht in July 1997

8.4 mn
people could lose their jobs due to the pandemic, Thai govt figures warn

A protest rally against the historic Israel-UAE deal in Karachi on Sunday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

US expands sanctions on Huawei

WASHINGTON: The US administration Monday expanded its sanctions on China's Huawei. A Commerce Department statement added 38 Huawei affiliates around the world to the "entity list," claiming that the company was using international subsidiaries to circumvent the sanctions which prevent export of US-based technology. **ENS**

New Zealand delays polls after virus outbreak in Auckland

WELLINGTON

PRIME Minister Jacinda Ardern has delayed New Zealand's elections by four weeks due to the Covid-19 outbreak in Auckland.

The election had been scheduled for September 19 but will now be held on October 17. Opposition parties had sought a delay after the virus outbreak prompted the government last week to put Auckland under a two-week lockdown and halted campaigning.

Before the latest outbreak, New Zealand had gone 102 days without any known community transmission of the virus and life had returned to normal for most people, with schools open and sports fans back in stadiums.

Officials believe the virus was reintroduced from abroad. "Ultimately I want to ensure we have a well-run election that gives all voters the best chance to receive all the information they need about parties and candidates, and delivers certainty for the future," Ardern said. *AP*

Israel mulls direct flight between Tel Aviv & Dubai

JERUSALEM

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Israel is working on opening a corridor over Saudi Arabia for flights to the UAE, following last week's historic deal to normalise ties. "We are working with maximum energy, and we have already begun to work on opening an air route over Saudi Arabia, which will simply shorten flights between Israel and the UAE," he said during a visit to Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv.

"I estimate that we will reach an agreement that will genuinely allow direct flights between Tel Aviv and Dubai," he said.

In March 2018, Air India launched the first scheduled service to Israel allowed to cross Saudi airspace. It was seen at the time as a sign of a behind-the-scenes improvement in ties between the Arab kingdom and the Jewish state.

Saudi Arabia has been conspicuously silent on the deal between UAE and Israel, with no official reaction emerging from Riyadh. Netanyahu said the deal would not only change Israel's aviation options, but also its maritime trade. *AFP*

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Appl No.V0129934) Jayanagar Branch Chandra Shekar Lingaraju (Borrower) Menaka Rani D S (Co-Borrower)	Site No.12, Sy No.49/1, Jakkasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalroe Rural, Bengaluru - 562123, Karnataka. Bounded : **East Side:** Road, **West Side :** Site No. 21, **North Side:** Site No. 11 and **South Side :** Site No. 13.	9-1-2020 ₹ 7,96,267.00 (Rupees Seven Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Only.)	12-8-2020
2	(Appl No.00202708) Jayanagar Branch Kiran Kumar N (Borrower) Nethravathi C G (Co-Borrower)	Site No.97, BBMP Ward No.40, Ass No.8, Lingadheeranahalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru-560073, Karnataka. Bounded : **East Side :** Site No. 95, **West Side :** Road, **North Side:** Site No. 87 and **South Side :** Site No. 96.	12-2-2020 ₹ 25,64,330.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Only.)	12-8-2020

Place: Jayanagar
Date : 18.8.2020

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Annex Building-3, Room No. 4 & 5, N.R. Square, Bengaluru.

No.: DCF/PR-699/20-21 Dated: 14-08-2020

PUBLIC e-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

This is notify to the public, Tender cum Auction are invited for disposal of Nata and firewood collected by clearing of tree/twigs in the jurisdiction of below mentioned zones of BBMP. The tender cum Re-auction will be conducted on **20-08-2020 at 12.00 Noon** on behalf of **M/s MSTC Ltd.,** interested persons can attend the auction as per terms and conditions as detailed below.

e-Auction Schedule

Sl. No.	Lot No.	Name of the Zone & Depot	Qty in Lot Firewood (Mt. Ton)	Qty in Lot Timber (Mt. Ton)	EMD (in Rs)
1	1	Remodelling of RCC Box Road cum Drain from 2nd Main Road to 16th cross near Chowdaiah Memorial Hall in Ward No.65 in West Zone (Availability of timber and fire wood from the trees standing across the work)	3.00	2.943	10,000/-
2	2	Jayanagara South Ramp area for Metro Work (Eucalyptus and Firewood dumped in Fire Station Premises) (South Zone) (Availability of timber and fire wood from the trees standing across the work)	30	19.09	25,000/-

Details: 1) As mentioned in the table above, the firewood are to be treated as two Lots. **2)** EMD / DD should be submitted in the name of Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP. **3)** Firewood placed at above Depots, The following officers may be contacted during the inspection of the place. **Contact Details a) West Zone:** Mr. Shivaramu, Zonal Forest Officer, Phone No. **9480683341** and **b) South Zone:** Mr. Chidanda Badigar, Deputy Zonal Forest Officer, Phone No. **9742733666.** 4) Tender number: MSTC/BLR/DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, BBMP/5/BANGALORE/20-21/9928/ for participating in e auction. 5) Participants in the e-Auction must register with the M/s MSTC Company and then participate in the Tender Cum Auction. 6) The following companies can be contacted for further details: **Tejas V. 19/5 & 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052, Board No. 080-22260054 /22266417 / 22379145, Mobile No. 9980147110. Website: www.mstcecommerce.com e-mail: tejasv@mstcindia.co.in**

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP

"Pay development charges, help to develop Bengaluru"

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
173.44	Sensex	38,050.78	₹6	24 carat (1gm)	₹5,452	₹890	Per kg	₹68,900	Dollar		74.88
68.7	Nifty	11,247.10	₹7	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,182	₹0.89	Per gm	₹68.9	Euro		88.62

Not liable for RCom's AGR dues: RJio tells apex court

Bench also questions if RCom's spectrum assets may be sold under IBC

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday continued pulling at the strands of two crucial aspects of the AGR case — both of which revolve around the ₹57,000 crore in dues owed by bankrupt telecom firms.

The first pertains to whether companies sharing the spectrum assets of insolvent licensees should be liable to pay statutory taxes on revenue earned from the use of these assets. The second involves the nature of spectrum rights, with the court seeking information on whether a bankrupt telco can "sell" the spectrum granted under the license agreement.

How the court decides on both questions will have a massive impact on the resolution of Anil Ambani's bankrupt Reliance Communications (RCom). It may even see Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio (RJio) stuck with some portion of RCom's ₹31,000 crore AGR liabilities. RJio has had a spectrum sharing agreement with RCom since 2016.

Depletion of RCom's asset value a concern

According to RCom's plan, which is yet to be approved, UV Asset Reconstruction Company has emerged as the highest bidder with an offer of over ₹15,000 crore. But the bench raised questions over a large depletion of RCom's asset value under this plan, which is less than the ₹35,000 crore cited earlier in 2019.

On Monday, RJio told the SC that current guidelines do not stipulate sharing of liabilities under spectrum sharing arrangements, and that the DoT had raised no such demand. The telco also observed that if the rules mandated a sharing of liability, it would "never" have entered such an agreement. RJio has already paid the DoT's demand for ₹193 crore in pending AGR dues.

The SC bench, however, directed the Centre to submit its view on why RJio should not be liable for paying taxes when it has been earning revenue from the shared spectrum.

As for whether companies can sell spectrum rights, Solicitor General said that the DoT's view was that spectrum could not be sold since the government held ownership and only contracted out its use. "(Spectrum licenses) do not transfer ownership... The government continues to hold it in trust on behalf of the people," Mehta said. RCom's counsel differed, however, stating that spectrum could be part of a resolution plan for a bankrupt telco, and the rights sold.

Q1 GDP growth to dip 16.5%, says SBI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's economy may see a lower contraction of 16.5 per cent in the April-June quarter of FY21 as against previously expected contraction of 20 per cent, a research report by State Bank of India (SBI) — Ecowrap noted. The revision comes against the backdrop of better-than-expected results of some financial and non-financial companies as far as listed companies are concerned.

"In May, we had indicated that the Q1 FY21 GDP growth will exhibit a sharp decline at least in excess of 30 per cent. However, the current situation warrants us to revisit our GDP growth estimates for Q1 FY21, though with the relevant caveats in the current uncertain scenario," said economists at SBI.

"Specifically, the degrowth in corporate GVA, courtesy better-than-expected results of some financial and non-financial companies, has been significantly better than revenue degrowth in Q1FY21. In principle, revenue decline of listed companies has been far outstripped by cost rationalization thereby not impacting margins," it added.

The report also pointed out that the "ugly part Covid-19" on economic growth is that all the four quarters of FY21 is estimated to exhibit negative real GDP growth and the decline of full year growth will likely be in double digits. For the full financial year, SBI pegs India's GDP contraction has already crossed the (-) 6.8 per cent mark, significantly higher than previous estimate (made during first phase of lockdown) of 2.6 per cent fall.

State-wise analysis indicates that top 10 states accounted for 73.8 per cent of total GDP loss. Subsequently, the per capita loss for India is around ₹27,000 with states like Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Telangana, Delhi, Haryana and Goa, exhibiting loss of more than ₹40,000 per person in FY21.

Another worrying factor, it said, is the fast penetration of Covid-19 in rural India. The percentage of cases in rural districts to total new cases has risen to 54 per cent in August.

NFRA flags lapses in BSR's statutory audit of IL&FS Financial Services

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), which comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has found multiple failures in the statutory audit of IL&FS Financial Services Limited (IFIN) for 2017-18.

In a Audit Quality Review report released on Monday, NFRA said that the auditor — BSR and Associates, part of KPMG India — has not only failed to comply with the standard audit practices but also made false declarations.

"The non-audit services provided technically by the KPMG labelled entities of the network are clearly services indirectly provided by BSR entities, and result in gross violations of the independence requirements for auditors laid down under the Companies Act, as well as the Code of Ethics mandated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, it said, adding that BSR did not have "adequate justification" for issuing an audit report of IFIN. The appointment of BSR as statutory auditors was "ab initio illegal and void", it said in a 256-page report.

> **The non-audit services provided by BSR entities result in gross violations of requirements for auditors laid down under the Companies Act, as well as the Code of Ethics mandated by ICAI**
>
> Audit Quality Review Report, NFRA

Further, NFRA found that the IT processes/ platform used by BSR have deficiencies that are systemic and structural in nature, a release issued by the corporate affairs ministry said. NFRA would also examine whether disciplinary proceedings need to be initiated in connection with the AQRR.

NFRA investigations are crucial as the regulatory body has power to ban an audit firm for up to 10 years.

BSR, however, said the audit quality review did not give "due consideration to all the facts and circumstances", adding that it was reviewing the report. "We are concerned to note the conclusions by NFRA in the Audit Quality Review as they do not give due consideration to all the facts and circumstances that were transparently shared by us with NFRA during their review. We are reviewing the report in detail and will determine our response in due course. Audit quality remains the cornerstone of our profession" a BSR spokesperson said.

RBI lifts curbs on Bandhan Bank CEO's remuneration

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India has withdrawn restrictions it had imposed on Bandhan Bank CEO's remuneration after the promoter's holding in the bank was reduced to 40 per cent, the bank informed the stock exchanges on Monday.

"The RBI vide its communication dated 17 August 2020 has lifted the other regulatory restriction: the remuneration of the managing director and chief executive of the bank stands frozen, at the existing level," the bank said.

The 59-year-old chief executive of the bank, Chandra Shekhar Ghosh's remuneration was frozen since September 2018 at the level it was that time since the bank's promoter — the Bandhan Financial Holdings — failed to bring down its stake as mandated by the regulator. The promoter's holding was then at 82 per cent.

Early this month, however, the promoter diluted 20.95 per cent stake in the bank for ₹10,500 crore through a block trade. In 2019, the bank acquired Gruh Finance which had helped it pare down promoter's holding to 60.95 per cent from 82 per cent.

The punitive actions on Bandhan Bank imposed in 2018 also included included withdrawing permission to open branches. However, the RBI removed the first restriction in February "considering the progress of the dilution of excess shareholding" of the holding company. As of March 31, 2020, the bank has 4,559 outlets, including 1,018 branches and 195 home loan centres.

Tata Motors denies plan to sell stake in JLR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA Motors has debunked reports that claimed that the company may sell stake in Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), the British luxury car brand owned by Tata. "Tata Motors categorically denies and dismisses any such intent. Jaguar Land Rover is and remains a key pillar of Tata Motors and the wider Tata Group," the company said in a statement on Monday.

Several media report claimed that Tata Group is looking for a strategic partner for JLR and may sell its UK steel plant lock, stock, and barrel over rising losses after talks with the British government failed on a financial rescue package.

"We recently announced our results for Q1 and have indicated that we are maintaining solid liquidity despite the Covid-19 pandemic and expect to be cash positive from Q2 onwards. Jaguar Land Rover business remains strong as it transitions to new electrified, autonomous and connected technologies to support its Destination Zero ambition," Tata Motors said.

However, this is not the first time in recent weeks that Tata has neglected reports of a stake sell. Earlier in the month, Tata Motors denied reports of its plans to sell up to 49 per cent stake in its domestic passenger vehicle business. The homegrown automaker acquired Jaguar Land Rover in 2008.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

AUROBINDO PHARMA

Current Price ₹863.3

Target Price ₹1,055

Despite lower injectable sales, ARBP delivered a better-than-estimated performance for the quarter. This was largely led by: a) higher oral solids sales in the US, b) the addition of new products in ARV, and c) a better gross margin. We remain positive on ARBP's capability to build a niche portfolio in the Injectables/inhaler space, presence across the manufacturing value chain in the US

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

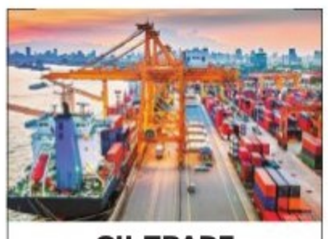
Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of TNIE.

Non-oil exports see resurgence in July indicating normalisation of economy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's foreign trade data released for the month of July shows interesting trends. While the trade balance went back to its usual deficit status after an extremely rare surplus in June, the resurgence of non-oil exports is one such. According to analysts, this is the key positive from July's trade data release, indicating "a normalisation of the economy".

"At (-)4 per cent, non-oil exports are on the way to growth. Non-oil import growth over June 2020 improved too, but contracted 27 per cent in July. Most of India's major exports – gems and jewellery, petroleum products, textiles and apparel – are experiencing deep (20-55 per cent) contractions. Engineering, pharma and chemicals have emerged as the top exports," said Anand Rathi Financial Services in a note.



OIL TRADE

-32%	-49%
Imports in July versus -55% in June, 2020	Exports in July swelled from -32 % in June

In fact, oil product exports, among India's most lucrative goods, fared quite poorly and was a major factor in the trade deficit. "Oil trade (was the) key reason for the deficit. Both oil imports & exports contracted in July. The extent moderated for oil imports — (-)55 per cent in June 2020 to (-)32 per cent in July — while that for oil exports intensified — (-) 32 per cent to (-) 49 per cent. The oil account deficit widened by $1.8 billion," the note said.

Instead, India's exports are being driven by erstwhile small segments. Trade activity was robust in engineering goods, pharma, agri and iron ore, noted brokerage Emkay Securities, adding that a "significant rise in demand for iron, steel and iron ore from China aided growth". It also noted that since April, the recovery has been better in exports than imports.

According to data from the commerce and industries ministry, merchandise exports have improved from posting a 60.28 per cent contraction in April 2020 to contracting just 10.21 per cent in July.

Merchandise imports, however, have gone from a contraction of 58.65 per cent in April to declining 28.4 per cent in July.

EXPRESS READ

HFCL net profit dips 81% in June quarter

New Delhi: Domestic telecom gear maker HFCL on Monday posted an 81 per cent dip in consolidated net profit to ₹21.34 crore in the first quarter ended June 30 The company had posted a net profit of ₹117.12 crore in the corresponding period of the previous financial year, it said in a BSE filing. Total income declined about 48 per cent to ₹703.7 crore during the April-June 2020 period, compared with ₹1,349.04 crore a year ago, the company said.

PURE EV launches e-scooter at ₹56,999

Chennai: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad-incubated start-up PURE EV has launched its new electric scooter model ETrance+. It comes with a 1.25 kWh portable battery providing 65 kilometers on-road range. The scooter is priced at ₹56,999 (ex-showroom). Besides, the company has plans to expand its manufacturing base. It expects to commission a new two-lakh sq ft plant in 2021 to meet the anticipated growth in electric vehicles.

Brillio opens fifth office in Chennai

Chennai: Brillio, digital technology consulting company, on Monday opened its fifth office in India in Chennai. With this new office, Brillio aims to accelerate its Work From Anywhere (WFx) Model that is designed to support its customers with best-in-class talent in emerging digital technology skill areas. Aftab Ullah, Chief Operating and Delivery Officer, Brillio says, "We are thrilled to set-up a delivery facility in Chennai and scale our operations and capabilities. This office enables Brillio to expand our access to world-class talent this city offers. It also operates in a few other markets — Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Pune.

Business & Beyond

UCCI unfurls National Flag

The flag hoisting ceremony on August 15 was held in UCCI Office followed by Rastriya Sangeet. President Ramesh Mahapatra, along with Ashok Kumar Sharda, V.P (Commerce) and Deepak Rathor, V.P. (General), hoisted the flag. Brahma Mishra, Manoj Prusti, Jyoti Prakash Das and Anand Swain, and few other members were also present on the occasion. The program was followed by plantation of fruit bearing trees by UCCI Ladies Forum team led by President Geeta Padhi.

SBI introduces Kisan Credit Card Review on YONO Krishi to empower farmers

State Bank of India (SBI) continues to empower its farmer customers by offering them technology-backed agricultural solutions with YONO Krishi. The new platform that caters to all the requirements of farmers – from sowing to harvesting and then selling – has been receiving significant traction from the farmers. In the latest move, SBI has added a new feature - KCC Review option - on YONO Krishi. Now, farmers will no longer need to visit the bank branch to apply for a revision in their KCC limit. The KCC Review option will help farmers apply for the same in just four clicks from the comfort of their homes without any paperwork. YONO KCC Review will benefit more than 75 lakh farmers, the bank said in a statement.

Paradip Port Trust celebrates 74th Independence Day

Adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines, the Paradip Port Trust authority has celebrated Independence Day. Rinkesh Roy, chairman, PPT unfurled the national flag and reviewed the parade in which 3 contingents of CISF participated. Addressing the gathering, he said that the port first crossed the coveted 100 Million Metric Tonne Per Annum in FY18 and has now become the No.1 major port in India. A new coal berth for handling coal imports is expected to be completed by end of this year.

TNPL slips into red, records consolidated loss of ` 20 cr in the first quarter of FY21

Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd (TNPL) has reported a significant drop in revenue in the quarter ended June 30, 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19. Total revenue stood at ₹501.29 crore, declining by 47.8 per cent from ₹960.6 crore in Q1 FY20. Loss after Tax for the quarter under review was ₹20.01 crore against profit of ₹77.1 crore in the corresponding period of previous year. Paper production stood at 81,162 MT, TNPL said.

Nalco observes Independence Day

Navratna public-sector undertaking National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) celebrated the 74th Independence Day at its corporate office. on August 15, 2020. Sridhar Patra, chairman and managing director, hoisted the tricolour in the presence of directors of the company. In view of the Covid 19 pandemic, employees and their family members joined the celebration through live streaming of the event in digital/social media.

REALTY SHOW

Prime residential properties in Bengaluru, Delhi turn costlier

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

DESPITE a plunge in demand for residential real estate in India, the prime properties in metros like Bengaluru and Delhi have seen their prices escalate in the Q2, 2020 (April-June quarter), according to a report by property consultants, Knight Frank.

The survey found that Bengaluru (26th), Delhi (27th) and Mumbai (32nd) have figured in the prime residential markets globally. For Bengaluru, the premium micro-markets of the city recorded a rise of 0.60 per cent in annual capital value change in Q2 2020 to an average price of ₹19,727 per sq. ft whereas in Delhi, there was a 0.3 per cent rise annual capital value change to ₹33,625 per sq. ft on an average.

For Mumbai however, which ranked 32nd on the prime global cities index , the prime properties saw a 0.6 per cent decline with an average price of ₹64,388 per sq. ft.

Prime residential property is defined as the most desirable and most expensive property in a given location, generally defined as the top five per cent of each market by value.

But the ultra rich across the globe are treading the path carefully and deferring their plans to invest n real-estate, pointed out Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director at Knight Frank India.

"The pandemic-infused economic stress has engulfed the global markets with a fear of uncertainty. Ultra-rich buyers around the world are seen deferring the high premium purchase of a prime residential asset class and preferring investments in liquid assets, primarily gold and cash equivalents. With the expected price correction and uptick in sentiment depending on news related to vaccine, buyers with adequate liquidity will find value to enter the prime residential asset class," Baijal added.

Asian boxing championship postponed to next year

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

INDIAN boxers are unlikely to have any major competition this year. This newspaper has learnt that the ASBC Elite Boxing Championships, which India was supposed to host in November, has been postponed to 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This decision was taken at the Asian Boxing Confederation's Executive Council meeting on Monday. The online meeting was attended by president Anas Alotaiba and most EC members, this newspaper learnt. All events on the ASBC calendar marked for the remaining part of the year have been shifted to 2021.

Earlier in April, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) had announced that India has been granted hosting rights. The event includes men's and women's events. The federation was yet to decide on a host city for the competition. Last year's edition was the first time both men and women featured in this championship in Bangkok. Amit Panghal and Pooja Rani had risen above the rest to finish as No 1 pugilists. Indian men had won seven medals, while women came back with six.

While the fate of most championships is sealed, the Asian federation is yet to take a call on ASBC Grand Slam Boxing Championship, which is scheduled to be held in December. Grand Slam is a fairly new concept.

BULL FIGHT

Paris Saint-Germain and RB Leipzig will be looking to reach Champions League final for the first time when the two sides meet on Tuesday. Talking points ahead of the match..

CLASH OF CONTRASTS

PSG will head into the match with a high-profile squad, while German club Leipzig comes with a team of mostly untested players. Leipzig has almost nothing to lose. For PSG, anything short of the title will feel like a disappointment for a club where priority has been a European title after years of dominance in France.

FOCUS ON NEYMAR

PSG will again be led by the Neymar, who was signed to try to help the club make the leap and clinch the European title. On Tuesday, he is expected to have the full support of Kylian Mbappe. Goalkeeper Keylor Navas, who had to be replaced against Atalanta because of a right leg muscle injury, is doubtful. It is unclear if American player Tyler Adams, who scored Leipzig's winner over Atletico Madrid in the quarters, will be on the bench again or make the starting line-up.

MENTOR VS MENTEE

Having already outwitted Jose Mourinho and Diego Simeone, Leipzig boss Julian Nagelsmann now faces PSG and Thomas Tuchel, who helped spark his coaching career 12 years ago, in Tuesday's semifinal. Under Tuchel, Nagelsmann took his first steps into coaching for Augsburg's reserves in 2008.

LIVE ON SONY TEN 2 @ 12:30 AM

They are a top team with a top trainer. I have often played (as a coach) against him (Tuchel) but rarely won. That should change now. I would also be satisfied with a bad game if we win. They are a team full of stars

Julian Nagelsmann, RB Leipzig manager

Sevilla pip United, reach Europa final

Manchester United paid for profligacy in front of goal as Sevilla enjoyed a special night in the Europa League by coming from behind to reach the final with a 2-1 win. Bruno Fernandes scored for United, while Suso and Luuk De Jong scored for Sevilla.

EXPRESS READ

Hockey players discharged from hospital

CHENNAI: Six Indian hockey players admitted in the hospital, after testing positive for Covid-19, were discharged on Monday. Manpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Jaskaran, Varun Kumar, Krishan B Pathak and Mandeep Singh tested positive earlier this month.

2nd Test: England and Pakistan settle for draw

SOUTHAMPTON: The rain-hit second Test between England and Pakistan finished in a predictable draw after more wet weather wiped out half of the fifth and final day at the Rose Bowl on Monday. **Brief scores:** Pakistan 236 vs England 110/4 decl (Crawley 53, Abbas 2/28).

RFC Girls Football Academy launched

BENGALURU: Rebels FC announced the launch of RFC Girls Football Academy, a residential training facility, in Bengaluru on Monday. The academy will provide quality training to young and talented female footballers.

More cases in NIS Patiala, coaches in quarantine

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IN A fresh Covid-19 scare at National Institute of Sports, Patiala, a bank employee and a mess manager tested positive on Monday. Two foreign coaches, who visited the State Bank of India (SBI) branch housed inside the institute, were asked to quarantine as a precautionary measure.

"Neither the bank employee nor the mess manager came in contact with athletes or coaches. The athletics coaches visited the bank after office hours last week. They didn't meet the infected employee, but we asked them to quarantine at the facility at the centre after consulting doctors," a SAI official confirmed to this daily.

"The mess manager went to his hometown outside Punjab and returned to the facility on August 11. He was asked to isolate himself and a Covid-19 test was conducted on him on Saturday. After testing positive, he was shifted to a quarantine facility set up by the district administration outside the institute premises on Monday," added the source.

With two new cases surfacing at the centre on Monday, the tally has risen to five. Indian boxing team's doctor Amol Patil had contracted the virus last month and has recovered now. Two others in the medical staff had tested positive earlier this month.

The facility has been divided into three zones — red, orange and green. While the athletes and coaches reside and train in green zone, administrative staff and bank come under red zone. The quarantine centre for athletes and coaches are in the orange zone. Presently, two weightlifters are serving a mandatory quarantine period at the makeshift centre.

National camps for boxing, weightlifting and athletics are underway at NIS. This will not affect the ongoing camps as we have been following the protocols strictly.

'Impractical to start events in Sept'

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

PT USHA feels athletics competitions may not begin until next year. She also thinks a September start to the season is not practical. Covid-19 cases in the country show no signs of subsiding and that could impact the Athletic Federation of India's (AFI) resumption plans, which was to try and get the new season underway with the first Indian Grand Prix in Patiala next month.

"How can we think of having events at a time when virus is spreading at such a rate? How will we travel and how many competitions can be held? Practically, I think we can expect to have events from January or February. I don't see any events happening this season. It's better to start planning for next season," Usha told this daily.

These days, the Sprint Queen is having 'sleepless nights' trying to maintain the morale, fitness and safety of her wards at Usha School of Athletics in Kozhikode. "It becomes very difficult when athletes have to train without knowing when competitions will start. But we have continued training our athletes from the time the lockdown was first announced. All safety protocols were in place. We didn't let anyone from outside enter the campus. The only person who has been travelling in and out is me. I've been extremely careful. I just move between the school and home. We have kids from Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra and their safety is our responsibility," said Usha.

The likes of Jisna Mathew and Abitha Mary Manuel are the top prospects who train at the academy and Usha says she wants to get them in top shape by next month.

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,KNNL, Shiggaon Lift Irrigation Division, K.C.D.Circle , Behind Ganapati Temple,Dasanakoppa Main Road , Dharwad-580 001.
Ph. No. 0836-2461218 E-mail id: eesliddwd@gmail.com
No.EE/KNNL/SLID/DWD/PB-1/O & M-Manpower/Tender/2020-21/ 675 Date:17/08/2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH "e-Procurement" ONLY)
On behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore , the Executive Engineer, KNNL, SLI Division, Dharwad District in Karnataka invites tenders in two cover system on PERCENTAGE basis from the eligible contractors for the work of "Operation and Maintenance of Micro Irrigation System for 9900 Ha command area comes under Shiggaon Lift Irrigation System includes intake canal , Jackwell/Pumphouse , MS raising Main pipe line , Delivery chambers , 110/6.6 kv Sub Station and micro pipe line with HDPE/PVC pipe line network, Discharge control valve, Air valve, Panel cum Store rooms, Sumps 110/33 kV(1No's) and 33/11 kV (2 No's) Electrical sub-stations, electrical distribution network for One(1) year (From 2020-21)" on LUMPSUM TURNKEY BASIS (Tender amount of Rs.268.67 Lakhs) through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 21/08/2020 @ 10.30 a.m. onwards and can be submitted the completed e-tendering documents up to 31/08/2020 @ 4.00 p.m. The Pre-bid meeting is on 26/08/2020 @ 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in the office of Executive Engineer, KNNL, Shiggaon LI Division , Dharwad. The technical bid will be opened on 01/09/2020 @ 4.30 p.m. and financial bids of successful tenderers will be opened on 04/09/2020 @11.00 a.m. (or after obtaining approval to the Technical Bid).
Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the e-Procurement portal only. The undersigned reserves the right to postpone, accept, reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
(S.K.KULKARNI)Executive Engineer, KNNL, SLI Division Dharwad.
DIPR/DWD/272/AAA/2020-21

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. CEE/TKR/TZ/SEE(O)/AEE-3/3444-47 Date: 13.08.2020
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites bid against **Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TKR/TZ/CEP-212 Dated: 23.06.2020**. Tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of various classes of Control and Relay Panels required for replacement of age old C&R panels in various Lines in Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Tumakuru.
The bids will be received through E-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procutement process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** or click on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.08.2020.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned, during office hours.
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202113 002074	Handling of Finished Paper reels / bundles / copier stacking / De-stacking and loading into lorries / wagons / containers at TNPL Unit-I at Kagithapuram for the period 2020-21	28.08.2020
E-mail	202113002300 - tech_services@tnpl.co.in 202113002074 - purchase.wood@tnpl.co.in	

Terms & conditions, Specifications, Tender fee, EMD etc. are available in tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com/ www.tenders.tn.gov.in**
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CIN No.: L93090TN1956GOI003507, Website: www.nlcindia.com
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Sl.No.	Tender Ref./Description of works
1.	**UNIT:CTO/CIVIL:19/2020-21**: Construction of additional rooms and erection of additional steel columns including internal electrification for motor Winding & Repair shop in CERS-NSU. **EMD:** ₹92,000/-
2.	**UNIT:MINE-I:Mines/NAMC/SME/PTE/D016/20-21**:Mines-SME-Non AMC-Non Short term-Attending of major repairs, replacements and other connected works in SME/Mine-I and SME/Mine-IA. **EMD:** ₹ 1,79,000/-
3.	**NTPL TUTICORIN:CEO/NTPL/CONT/PTE/CHS/2616/2020-21,dt.12-08-2020**: Transportation of 40,000 Metric Ton Lignite from NLCIL Mines/Neyveli to coal stack yard at NTPL/ Tuticorin. **EMD:** ₹8,81,000/-
4.	**UNIT:LAND DEPARTMENT/MINE-I:GM/LAND/ST/PTE/11/2020**: Construction of Residential houses for urban category including internal electrification in "A" Block Resettlement Centre, Neyveli. **EMD:**₹3,26,000/-
5.	**UNIT:MINE-II: MII/NAO/G&D/PTE/C042/2020-21**:Rewinding of 15 Nos stators of 172.5 HP/1000GPM/KSB make submersible pumps. **EMD:**₹1,72,000/-

Cost of Tender Document: Sl.No:1 to 5:₹2,000/- (each)
Approximate value of work: Sl.No:4: ₹1,55,02,943/-
Period of Contract/ Completion: Sl.No:1: 180 days from the date of handing over of site. Sl.No:3: Within four months from the date of LOA.; Sl.No:4: Seven months.
Pre-bid Conference: Sl.No:3: On 20-08-2020 at 11.00 Hrs.

Sl. No.	Last Date for Sale	Last Date for Receipt	Date & Time of Opening
1.	14-09-2020 Upto 17.00 Hrs	15-09-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	15-09-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
2.	31-08-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs	01-09-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	01-09-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
3.	03-09-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs	05-09-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	05-09-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
4.	07-09-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs	09-09-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	09-09-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
5.	07-09-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs	08-09-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	08-09-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works, Portland & Inland Water Transport Department Executive Engineer PWP & IWTD Division Chikkodi
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Short Term E-Tender Notification
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 3 works under head of account 8443-Deposit Contribution. Amount put to tender is Minimum of Rs. 20.61 Lakhs & Maximum Rs. 63.16 Lakhs.
Calendar of events:
1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-08-2020 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 25-08-2020 up to 5.00 PM,3)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System):27-08-2020 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 27-08-2020 at 4.30 PM 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"
For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works, Ports & Inland Water-Transport Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.
Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.
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NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad -500 028
CIN-L13100TG1958GOI001674
OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT MODE
Dated: 17.08.2020
e-Tender are invited for the work of **"Engagement of an agency for Conducting various recruitment activities in NMDC Limited":**

Tender No & Date	Date of NIT for downloading and submission of on line Techno-commercial & Price bid		Tender fee	Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.
	From	To		
No1(64)/Misc/2020 Date : 17-08-2020	17-08-2020	01-09-2020 by 02.30 pm	-NIL-	Rs.1,74,000/-

Prospective bidders may visit our website **www.nmdc.co.in**; CPP Portal **http://eprocure.gov.in; http://mstcecommerce.com** and may download the tender documents and also corrigendum if any.
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Government of Karnataka
Public works Port and Inland Water Transport Department, Hassan
No.EE/PWD/HSN/JE-3/2020-21/ DATED: 13.08.2020.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
NO: 05 /2020-21, Dated: 13.08.2020
Tender is invited by the Public Works Ports and Inland Water Transport Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-4, from the eligible registered contractors of Karnataka PWD through E-procurement pertains to **7 Works in Hassan District.** The minimum tender amount is Rs.130.00 lakhs and maximum tender amount Rs.200.00 lakhs under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender is **14.09.2020-16.00 Hours**. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.
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A ship that has leaked more than 1,000 tonnes of oil in pristine waters off the coast of Mauritius has split in two. The bulk carrier MV Wakashio ran aground on a coral reef off the southeastern coast of Mauritius on July 25 and began oozing oil.

TO FLY OR NOT TO FLY

Air travel down by more than 85 % from a year ago; people still skeptical about safety

CARRIERS STRUGGLE

WASHINGOTN: In a bid to survive, airlines are desperately trying to convince a wary public that measures like mandatory face masks and hospital-grade air filters make sitting in a plane safer than many other indoor settings during the coronavirus pandemic. It is not working.

Surveys indicate that instead of growing comfortable with air travel, more people are becoming skeptical about it. In the United States, airline bookings have stalled in the past month after slowly rising a reaction to a new surge of reported virus infections.

Globally, air travel is down more than 85 per cent from a year ago, according to industry figures.

> **We were hoping that by the fall the virus might run its course. Obviously, that has proven to be dead wrong.**
>
> Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly

The implications for the airline industry are grave. Several leading carriers already have filed for bankruptcy protection, and if the hoped-for recovery is delayed much longer, the list will grow. The four largest US airlines lost a combined $10 billion from April through June. Their CEOs say they will survive, but they have lowered their expectations.

"We were hoping that by the fall the virus might run its course," said Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly. "Obviously, that has proven to be dead wrong." When Consumer Reports surveyed more than 1,000 people in June about their comfort with various activities during the pandemic, 70 per cent said flying was or somewhat unsafe. They rated going to a hospital or standing in line to vote as safer.

In a survey commissioned by an airline trade group, the biggest concern of travellers was the possibility of sitting next to an infected person. John Kontak, a schoolteacher from Phoenix, said that was his fear as soon as he stepped onto a crowded American Airlines flight this summer to visit his parents in Ohio.

"I don't know anything about this person who is sitting a foot away from me," Kontak said. "They took the bottom line or the dollar over the safety of passengers. Next time, I'd rather drive back to Ohio than fly, it's safer because I can control it." The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says sitting within six feet of other passengers, often for hours, may increase the risk of getting Covid-19. But CDC also notes that most viruses and other germs don't spread easily on flights because of how air circulates on planes.

Standard & Poor's said this week that the industry's prospects have gone worse with global air traffic dropping by up to 70 per cent this year. In May, S&P said a 55 per cent drop was a worst-case scenario. "It's going to be a slower and more uneven recovery than one might have expected," S&P analyst Philip Baggaley said.

An airline trade group, the International Air Transport Association, predicts carriers will lose $84 billion this year.

EXFILE

A decade of development

A US automaker has unveiled a new hydrogen-powered car that can go more than 1,000 miles without needing to refuel. With limited hydrogen fuel stations, the challenge would be to increase the number. A look at the car...

ABOUT XP-1
It will have all-wheel drive, with a three-speed transmission and ultracapacitors to buffer the output of the fuel cell.

BODY
It includes active aero elements that double as solar panels. The double-barrel exhaust stacks are functional — but all that comes out is deionized water vapor.

WHY THE BUZZ
Hyperion Motors has been working on a hydrogen-powered hypercar for almost 10 years, saying it's building the car in part to promote a hydrogen energy infrastructure.

BENEFITS
Hydrogen is readily available, renewable, and doesn't produce carbon monoxide and harmful emissions. Hydrogen-fueled cars are also less finicky in cold weather than their electric counterparts.

DRAWBACKS
Infrastructure and expensive. Most of us don't live anywhere near a hydrogen filling station, and the sub-$400-per-month lease rates almost certainly don't reflect the cost of its fuel cell or its carbon-fiber storage tank. Hydrogen is also highly flammable.

WEIGHT	2022	TOP SPEED	PERFORMANCE	RANGE
Under 2,2275 pounds	Estimated launch	220+miles per hour	0-60mph: Under 2.2seconds	1000 miles

PIT STOP

Right now there are only about 75 hydrogen fuelling stations in North America, and more than half of them are in California. Hyperion has said it plans to build its own network of refill stations for hydrogen cars similar to the Tesla Supercharger network for EVs.

Price: With a price tag estimated to be in the high six figures, only an extremely limited run of 300 cars are planned for the initial rollout in 2022.

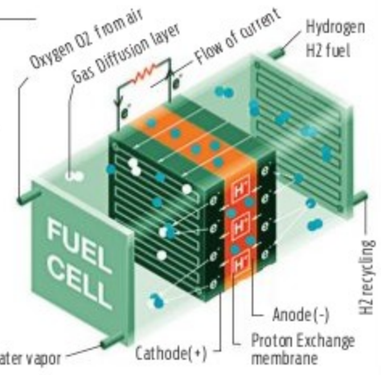
> **The XP-1 was partially designed to function as an educational tool for the masses. Aerospace engineers have long understood the advantages of hydrogen as the most abundant, lightest element in the universe and now, with this vehicle, consumers will experience its extraordinary value proposition.**
>
> Hyperion CEO Angelo Kafantaris

HOW DO HYDROGEN FUEL CELLS WORK?

Hydrogen fuel cells create electricity to power a battery and motor by mixing hydrogen and oxygen in specially treated plates, which are combined to form the fuel cell stack.

Fuel cell stacks and batteries have allowed engineers to significantly shrink these components to even fit neatly inside a family car, although they are also commonly used to fuel buses and other larger vehicles.

Oxygen is collected from the air through intakes, usually in the grille, and hydrogen is stored in aluminium-lined fuel tanks, which automatically seal in an accident to prevent leaks. These ingredients are fused, releasing usable electricity and water as byproducts and making the technology one of the quietest and most environment friendly available.



Irreversible: Greenland ice sheet shrinks

CLIMATE CHANGE

WASHINGTON: Glaciers on Greenland have shrunk so much that even if global warming were to stop today, the ice sheet would continue to melt, according to a study of nearly 40 years of satellite data from the island.

The finding, published in the *Nature Communications Earth and Environment*, means that Greenland's glaciers have passed a tipping point of sorts, where the snowfall that replenishes the ice sheet each year cannot keep up with the ice that is flowing into the ocean from glaciers.

"We've been looking at these remote sensing observations to study how ice discharge and accumulation have varied," said Michalea King, lead author of the study, and a researcher at the Ohio State University in the US. "And what we have found is that the ice that's discharging into the ocean is far surpassing the snow that's accumulating on the surface of the ice sheet," King said.

The researchers analysed monthly satellite data from over 200 large glaciers draining into the ocean around Greenland. Their observations show how much ice breaks off into icebergs or melts from the glaciers into the ocean. They also show the amount of snowfall each year — the way these glaciers get replenished.

The researchers found that, throughout the 1980s and 90s, snow gained through accumulation and ice melted or calved from glaciers were in balance, keeping the ice sheet intact. Through those decades, the researchers found, the ice sheets generally lost about 450 gigatonnes of ice each year from flowing outlet glaciers, which was replaced with snowfall.

China partygoers cram into water park

WUHAN WAVE

BEIJING: Thousands of partygoers packed out a water park over the weekend in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, where the coronavirus first emerged late last year, keen to party as the city edges back to normal life.

The popular Wuhan Maya Beach Water Park was filled with people frolicking in swimsuits and goggles for an electronic music festival, many perched on rubber dinghies or wading up to their chest in water.

The water park reopened in June after Wuhan gradually opened up after a 76-day lockdown and strict restrictions to try and control the spread of the virus. The park — which local media says has capped attendance at 50 percent of normal capacity — is offering half price discounts for female visitors.

To try and boost the local economy, the Hubei government has been offering free entry to 400 tourist sites across the province. China has largely brought its domestic epidemic under control.

BEAT THE HEAT

A panda licks a block of ice to cool off amid summer temperatures at a zoo in Nantong in China on Monday | AFP

Homeless not affected by virus as feared by many

STILL VULNERABLE

SAN FRANCISCO: When the coronavirus emerged in the US this year, public health officials and advocates for the homeless feared the virus would rip through shelters and tent encampments, ravaging vulnerable people who often have chronic health issues.

They scrambled to move people into hotel rooms, thinned out crowded shelters and moved tents into designated spots at sanctioned outdoor camps.

While shelters saw some large Covid-19 outbreaks, the virus so far doesn't appear to have brought devastation to the homeless population as many feared. However, researchers and advocates say much is unknown about how the pandemic is affecting the estimated half-million people without housing in the US.

In a country that's surpassed five million cases and 169,000 deaths, researchers don't know why there appear to be so few outbreaks among the homeless. "I'm shocked, I guess I can say, because it's a vulnerable population. I don't know what we're going to see in an aftermath," said Deborah Borne, who oversees health policy for Covid-19 homeless response at San Francisco's public health department.

More than 200 of an estimated 8,000 homeless people in San Francisco have tested positive for the virus, and half came from an outbreak at a homeless shelter in April. One homeless person is among the city's 69 deaths. In other places with large homeless populations, the numbers are similarly low. In King County, which includes Seattle, more than 400 of an estimated 12,000 homeless residents have been diagnosed. In Los Angeles County, more than 1,200 of an estimated 66,000 homeless people have been diagnosed.

It's slightly higher in Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix, where nearly 500 of an estimated 7,400 homeless people have tested positive, including nine who died.

EXPRESS QUIZ

World Photography Day

1 **The word "camera" originated from the Latin words "camera obscura", together meaning 'dark chamber.' In 1839, who coined the term 'photography'?**

a) Johann Heinrich Schulze
b) Joseph Nicephore Niepce
c) Eadweard Muybridge
d) John Frederick William Herschel

2 **The word "photography" was created from the Greek words "photos graphein", together meaning 'drawing with light'. Who first applied the terms 'negative and positive' to photography?**

a) John Frederick William Herschel
b) George Eastman
c) Henry Fox Talbot
d) Johann Heinrich Schulze

3 **Light is the main component for every image that we take. Which of the below measure the light that falls on a subject, regardless of its source?**

a) Ambient Light b) Reflected light
c) Incident light d) Diffused light

4 **An effect of contrasted light and shadow is called 'chiaroscuro'. Which photographic process did Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicephore Niepce develop in 1837?**

a) Ambrotype and Albumen print b) Bleaching technique
c) Calotype d) Daguerreobase

5 **World Photography Day is observed worldwide every year. ■Why is 19 of August observed as World Photography Day?**

a) The French government purchased the patent of Daguerreotype in 1939 and announced the invention as a gift "free to the world".
b) The world's first photograph from a camera was taken in France by Joseph Nicephore Niepce in 1826
c) Admiral Robert E. Peary, the first human to reach the North Pole, took the first-ever photograph at the North Pole in 1909
d) The invention of the Daguerreotype photographic processes in 1837

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Quizmaster **Sunil Dhavala** is a media entrepreneur. This alumnus of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has held senior roles at Bertelsmann, National Geographic, Fox Broadcasting, Star TV and WPP.

ECOSYSTEM DISRUPTION

Offshore refuelling deepens fears for SA's penguin haven

THREAT TO SEA ANIMALS

PORT ELIZABETH: Generators hum loudly in the background as a tour boat bobs past a towering vessel filled with ship fuel, anchored in Algoa Bay, a stone's throw away from the world's largest breeding colony of African penguins.

Mid-way along the Europe-Asia sea route, the bay's deep-water port was an obvious choice for South Africa's first offshore bunkering operation. Since 2016, mostly cargo ships have pulled in for ship-to-ship (STS) refuelling, allowing them to carry more freight, bypass port fees and save time.

But conservationists, eco-tour operators and nature lovers are alarmed about the long-term impact in a marine biodiversity hotspot and major foreign tourist magnet. They claim the bunkering takes place too close to foraging and breeding grounds, disrupting the ecosystem and exposing sea animals to oil spills.

The risk has been highlighted by the catastrophic oil spill which began earlier this month into a protected marine park off the pristine coastline of

Mauritius, after a bulk carrier ran aground on July 25.

With the main storage tanker in Algoa Bay able to hold 100,000 metric tonnes of fuel, opponents fear a potentially massive leak. In two minor spills, in 2017 and 2019, rangers rescued oil-tarred penguins.

Scientists are also studying whether the noise, pollution and increased ship traffic could affect the marine animals. They are particularly worried that vibrations caused by the activity may drive away those that rely on sonar to hunt fish.

"This is too close to the Marine Protected Area, there are too many risks involved," warned environmental scientist Ronelle Friend.

Algoa Bayis home to myriad species of seabirds, including under half the global population of African penguins, classed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The world's largest group of bottlenose dolphins was recorded in the bay in 2018, according to a report last year by the Port Elizabeth-based Nelson Mandela University.

The site is also on the path of an annual sardine run, touted as one of the planet's most spectacular marine events. "This operation is slap-bang in the middle of a hotspot for bait fish that birds feed on," said whale watcher and tour operator Lloyd Edwards.

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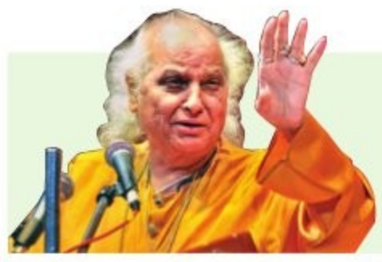
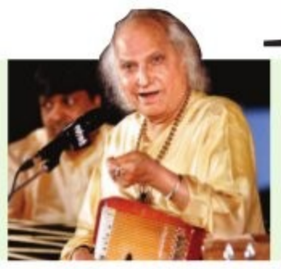


DAY'S DIARY

Indian classical vocalist Pandit Jasraj passed away on Monday, after a cardiac arrest at his home in New Jersey, United States. He was 90.



He belonged to the Mewati gharana, and was the top vocal exponents of Indian classical music. He started his training at the age of 14 and his career spanned almost 75 years.

He had been honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri and many other accolades during his lifetime. His albums include Khazana, The Spiritual Journey, and Darbar.

Rocking Star to lend his voice for Super Star

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IN SYNC

...with millennials, veteran musician Pravin Godkhindi is attempting to give a glimpse into 101 classical music ragas through his 52-week Raagatainment initiative

• Vidya Iyengar

Renowned flautist Pravin Godkhindi was often asked when he would do a programme similar to Raaga Ranjini – a show that explored the various possibilities of ragas, which he had done over 15 years ago. With time on hand during the lockdown, Godkhindi decided to do it in a manner which would appeal to millennials. On social media, Instagram and Facebook, Godkhindi puts out two ragas every week, on Mondays and Thursdays, which is then discussed live on Sundays. It is also uploaded on Youtube. The 52-week initiative, Raagatainment, was started in mid-July and will explore 101 ragas in the course of time.

"While there are about 40-50 ragas that are commonly used, there are many beautiful ones that are not played often. This is because in Hindustani classical music, we strictly adhere to the time cycle, as a result of which morning ragas, like Todi, cannot be played at evening concerts. So there are only a specific set that can be performed in an evening concert," he says, adding that the name is meant to bust the idea that ragas are "boring".

The one-minute recordings done at his home-studio in Banashankari are meant to cater to a generation that is interested in classical music but has a short attention span. "Many musicians, including my son, feel that the recordings should be longer. I have to look into the production, which I might in the near future. But at this point, it's more like an introduction. I want to reach out to youngsters and create a wave of classical music. There is a lot of tradition and heritage value attached to these ragas," Godkhindi says, adding that he often comes across youngsters who do cover versions, and mash-ups of Hindi and English songs. "That also requires talent, but there are so many intricacies to Indian classical music, and if one learns that, they can achieve greater heights," he adds.

Having completed 11 episodes, Godkhindi hopes his comprehensive list will give at least a glimpse of the basics of Indian classical music. Quite similar to the reading habit debate, classical music, Godkhindi points out, has a sizeable number of interested youth. But there is also a section whose energy needs to be channelised towards it. "People start off learning classical music, but drift into contemporary and fusion forms. We need to celebrate the legacy and heritage that has been passed on," he opines.

While the lockdown began with Godkhindi performing for causes, he later took a stand and stepped back from playing without being compensated. The break also gave the veteran artiste ample time to contemplate on the way forward. "I've reached a certain stage in my music journey where I'm asking myself, what next?," he says.

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— Pravin Godkhindi

A scene from *Dinosaur Named Nirmal*, an interactive play for children, staged earlier by WeMove Theatre

Playing Poirot

• Simran Ahuja

The plot is this: Two woman head to a restaurant for a meal. A couple of drinks later, one of them collapses and falls dead. It's a classic whodunnit with many suspects – her dining companion, the manager, the waiter, or maybe even the other diners. So far, WeMove Theatre's upcoming performance seems like any other theatre production, but this is where there is, in more ways than one, a plot twist. The audience members then take on the role of detectives to interrogate the suspects, played by four actors from the theatre company, as they try to solve the murder mystery. Aptly named *Who Killed Agatha?*, the "theatrical experience" is a dream come true for any crime fiction lover looking for something new during this pandemic. "We had a bank of stories that we hoped to turn into physical plays this year but then the pandemic struck. Staging them was not a possibility so we thought of converting it into an escape room type of game," explains Abhishek Iyengar, co-founder of the theatre company.

The hour-long performance has a cap on the number of participants, and 20 of them will be divided into teams of four. Each team gets four minutes to question each suspect. The key, says actor-writer Aditya Naik, lies in asking the right questions. "Try to get more information or look for a motive to murder. Our answers might have subtle clues that could help the participant," says Naik, who will be playing the roles of a forensic expert and a business partner of the murdered woman. While entertaining for the audience, the performance also helps keep things interesting for the actors. "We have no idea of knowing what question might be sprung on us. But since we know our characters and their behavioural traits in details, our answers will be in line with them," he adds. The play has been conceptualised by Naik and Sindhu Hegde, and written by Pavan Sharma and Venu Madhav.

Since the performance takes place on Zoom, the teams can make use of the individual breakout rooms to ensure other participants don't figure out their strategy. But how much of this gamified experience counts as theatre? A lot, says Iyengar, who is looking for feedback from this first session to understand how future ones should be held. "The current times call for not just reinventing ourselves but also exploring and embracing technology. So it is still largely theatre but an experimental format that explores a new dimension," he says.

The event will take place on Aug. 29. Tickets are priced at ₹500 per head.

Aditya Naik

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CITY READ

New products by BEL launched

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently launched two products – Linear Variable Differential Transducer (LVDT) and 1kW Transmitter Aerial Switching Rack – developed by BEL for use in strategic applications, as part of the Indian government's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The launch took place through a video conference.

Punjabi Sabha gets new president

Punjabi Sabha recently announced the appointment of Janak Madaan as the new president for the years 2020-22, after a leadership change from Anup Bajaj for the years 2018-20. Punjabi Sabha is a community organisation, involved in welfare activites.

New office of Indian bank inaugurated

Indian Bank recently opened its field general manager's office in the city. The office was inaugurated by Padmaja Chunduru, managing director and CEO of the bank. It will be managing 336 branches, spreading across five zones – Bengaluru, Hubbali, Kozhikode, Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram.

Take a break and walk for 10 minutes every hour
Remember to take breaks and move around. This will help with eye strain and help prevent a prolonged bad posture
Schedule your workouts preferably before you start work. Keep a second time slot in case you missed the first
If you are feeling under the weather, give yourself compliments to keep going
Eat real meals, and avoid munching. Remember, it's easy to snack while at home, but keeping healthy in these uncertain times calls for clean eating
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Try working out with videos. A number of apps and gyms are offering free sessions, and require you to have minimal equipment
Maintain a clock-out time to ensure you do not burnout
If you need a day off, request for it
Don't get lost in the digital clutter and chatter. Spend some time in silence or meditate. Many apps have short guided meditations tips
Follow the same sleep schedule you used to when you worked from office. Stress, watching shows into midnight can leave you falling into an erratic schedule
Follow an organised schedule to avoid getting overwhelmed

GRAPHIC: AMOL VYAVHARE

Ground reality: Reaching out to unsung Covid warriors

• Express Features

The pandemic has forced many indoors, with homes doubling as office, school and more. Pourakarmikas, on the other hand, have been keeping the city clean, despite the outbreak. Keeping their nutrition and physical wellbeing in mind, A&A Foundation, in association with Halasuru Residents Welfare Association (HRWA), has launched a nutrition programme for 35 pourakarmikas from Ward 90 near Kalyani Halasuru Lake. The foundation was started by ML Amarnath and Anupama Amarnath and will prove the pourakarmikas Enlightlife 365 Halerich 1 Enlightlife Superfood Metabolism and Immunity Booster Kit, free medical consultation and necessary blood tests thrice a year.

The programme was announced on the occasion of the Independence Day.

The outreach plan was initiated by HRWA president Mahendra Jain and vice president Mohankumar P, who said, "Through this program, we will be able to help them improve their overall health and be able to defend themselves from COVID-19 and other chronic lifestyle diseases."

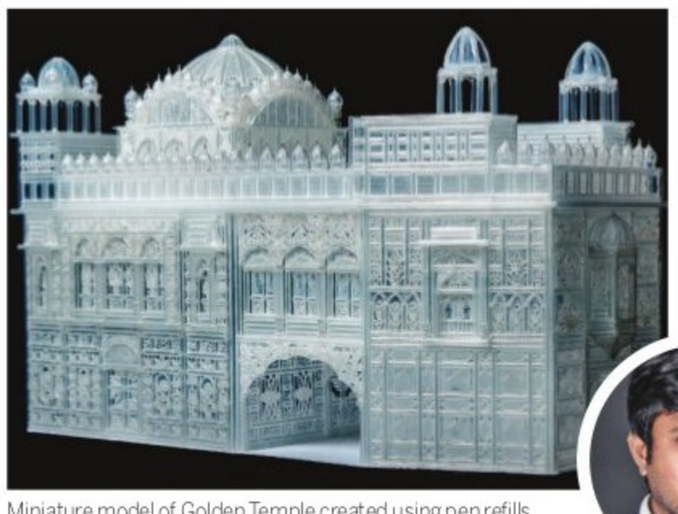
BLOCK BY BLOCK

'Pen'chant for art with a cause

• K Rathna

Who needs expensive craft material when tonnes of plastic waste is lying around? City-based software engineer **MR Sreenivasulu** is a firm believer in saying no to plastic, and uses his old hobby and childhood passion to craft architectural models from used pen refills. Sreenivasulu, who has been practising the art for 13 years, has now created a miniature replica of the Golden Temple in Amritsar using over 1,500 pen refills. It took him two years and four months to complete the intricate model.

"Pen refills are one of the most ignored forms of plastic, which may not be involved in the recycling process. As most pen users are school and college students, there would be an enormous impact on the environment if we educate them on plastic waste and on the need to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic," says Sreenivasulu, who is among the finalists across the world for the upcoming Rosanna Orlandi (RO) Plastic Prize. The award is part of the Milan Design Week happening in Italy during Sept. 28 to Oct. 10. The award ceremony will be held at the Leonardo Da Vinci Science and Technology Museum.



Miniature model of Golden Temple created using pen refills

Sreenivasulu's achievement is a result of decades of work. He had a hobby of collecting used pen refills from friends. He wanted to become an architect, but took up computer science and engineering on the advice of his parents. After a few years, he decided to continue his passion towards architecture and also create something out of the used pen refills he had collected over the years. Thus started his journey of making miniature buildings out of pen refills.

At first, Sreenivasulu used 200 refills to create a small replica of Eiffel Tower in 2007. Later, he recreated buildings like Charminar, Big Ben, Taj Mahal, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Gateway of India, Seattle Space Needle, Sydney Harbor Bridge, and Mysuru's St Philomena Church. He wants to create all the famous landmarks across the world, and to use the replicas as education material for architecture students.

"My interest in this field in childhood, when I used to make miniature house models using marriage invitation cards," says Sreenivasulu, who hails from Dharmavaram in Andhra Pradesh. He started painting at the age of seven, and also makes sculptures out of chalk and other material. He is also a trained dancer, having learnt Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, and has given many stage performances.

Sreenivasulu organises a 'Say No to Plastic' programme in schools and colleges to create awareness about global warming, as a part of which he sets up collection boxes for used pen refills. It serves a dual purpose, by also supplying him raw material for his artworks.

QUICK FIX

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CORIANDER POWDER

INGREDIENTS

- **Coriander leaves:** 5-6 sprigs
- **Red chillies:** 4
- **Asafoetida:** One small piece
- **Urad dal:** ½ cup
- **Chana dal:** ½ cup
- **Salt** as required
- **Ghee**

METHOD

- Roast the urad dal and chana dal.
- Roast the coriander leaves with one spoon of ghee.
- Then roast red chillies and asafoetida.
- Grind all the roasted ingredients with salt in a mixie to a fine powder.
- The powder can be had with hot rice. It helps in digestion.

— P Vijayalakshmi, Chennai

TWEET OF THE DAY

PURPLE SUNBIRD

- The breeding male species of this bird has a metallic blue and purple body. They appear all-black under sunlight. The female is a mix of olive and yellow in colour.
- They are found in gardens, cultivated areas and forests.
- The breeding males display their wings and sing in front of the females.
- Purple Sunbird feeds on berries and insects.
- Their call is a regular ki-ki-ki sound.

Photo: Elangovan Viswanathan

BRIGHT SPOT

BUILDING ECO-DREAMS

Popularly called 'Recycle Man of India', Gujarat-based Binish Desai is the founder of BDream, a company focused on designing technologies to recycle industrial waste to make sustainable building material. He has come up with P-Block 2.0 where bricks are made from face masks and PPE suits. The bricks are made using 52% of shredded PPE material, 45% paper sludge, and 3% binding agent-formulated gum base. Once it was successful, he sent some bricks across to a local laboratory to get them tested and approved. Each brick is 12x8x4 inches in size, and it uses 7 kg of biomedical waste per square foot. Binish claims it is lighter, and stronger compared to the P-Block 1.0. It is also waterproof and fire-resistant, and costs ₹2.8 per piece. Binish hopes to start full-fledged manufacturing from September, and source the biomedical waste from hospitals, schools, salons, bus stops, and other public places by placing 'Eco Bins'.

Source: The Better India

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KENDASAMPIGE

Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.

- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

YAARE KOOGADALI

Kumara and Natesha escape from a mental hospital and come to the city. They are soon chased by a gangster while their actual truth is revealed.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Bhavana

MYTHRI

Siddarama is one step away from winning a sum of `one crore in a game show hosted by his favourite actor Puneeth Rajkumar. However, scientist Mahadev Godke attempts to ruin his plans.

- Cast: Mohanlal, Puneeth Rajkumar

UTHIRI POOKAL

Vadivelu is a sadist who never respects the feelings of his children and wife. When his plan to marry his wife's sister fails, he accuses his wife of having an affair with the health inspector.

- Cast: Vijayan, Ashwini, Sarath Babu, Madhu Malini

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

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More than 2 km below the surface of northern Ontario, suspended in 345,000 liters of ultra-pure water, there's a perfect sphere. The light here indicates the presence of dark matter. Jenna Saffin describes how this dark matter detector works.

2 MATING FRENZIES, SPERM HOARDS, AND BROOD RAIDS: THE LIFE OF A FIRE ANT QUEEN BY WALTER R. TSCHINKEL

In the spring, just after a heavy rainfall, male and female fire ants swarm the skies for a day of romance, known as the nuptial flight. Walter R. Tschinkel details how the new queen builds a colony and protects it from neighbouring ant armies.

3 THE PHILOSOPHY OF STOICISM BY MASSIMO PIGLIUCCI

The ancient Greco-Roman philosophy of Stoicism explains that while we may not always have control over the events affecting us, we can have control over how we approach things. Massimo Pigliucci describes the philosophy of Stoicism.

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Water is essential to life. Yet in the eyes of the law, it remains largely unprotected — leaving many communities without access to safe drinking water, says legal scholar Kelsey Leonard.

5 HUNTING FOR PERU'S LOST CIVILIZATIONS — WITH SATELLITES BY SARAH PARCAK

Around the world, hundreds of thousands of lost ancient sites lie buried and hidden from view. Satellite archaeologist Sarah Parcak is determined to find them before looters do. In this talk, she offers a preview of the first place they'll look: Peru.

FIT BIT

ANJANEYASANA

(CRESCENT MOON POSE)

Anjaneyasana is named after Anjani, the mother of the Hindu God Hanuman. As a heart opener it also benefits the Anahata (heart chakra). Stimulating the heart chakra helps to improve balance, calmness and tranquility. To ensure stability in this pose, the Mula bandha (root lock) and Uddiyana bandha (abdominal lock) should be engaged. In order to open the chest, the spine should bend.

STEPS

- Come into the Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Once you are in the pose, exhale and place your right foot in front, just beside your right hand. Make sure your right knee and ankle are in one line.
- Gently place the left knee on the floor, right behind your hips.
- Now inhale and lift your torso. Then, raise your arms above your head, such that your biceps are next to your ears, and your palms are facing each other.
- Exhale, let your hips settle down and forward, so that you feel a good stretch in the front of your leg and the hip flexors.
- Pull your tailbone towards the ground. Extend your lower back as you engage your spine.
- Stretch your arms further behind so that your heart is pushed up. Look behind as you move into the mild backbend.
- Finally, hold the pose for a few seconds or a minute. You can also raise the knee of the back leg off the mat to come into a full crescent pose.
- To release the pose, place your hands back and move into the Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Repeat the pose with your left leg forward.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the quadriceps, hamstrings, groin and knees.
- Helps build focus, relieves sciatica and improves balance.
- Improves flexibility and makes gluteus muscles stronger.
- Gives the hips and hip flexors a good stretch.
- Opens up your shoulders, lungs and chest.
- Increases ability to concentrate and also builds core awareness.
- Stimulates the digestive and reproductive organs.
- Tones and energises the body.

LIMITATIONS

- If your knee hurts when you place it on the floor, keep a pillow beneath it and Those suffering from high BP and knee injuries avoid.
- Those who have shoulder problems, avoid raising your arms above your head. Place them on your thighs.
- If you have a neck problem, don't look behind; look ahead.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KATHEYONDU SHURUVAGIDE (Kannada)

A young resort owner, Tarun, is going through a rough time and tries to deal with disappointments, failures, and struggles of his life. In the process of doing so, he strikes up a great bond with a resort guest, Tanya. Will this bond help them to find a new meaning of love and life?

- Cast: Diganth Manchale, Pooja Devariya, Ashwin Rao Pallakki
- Watch On : Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

BIRBAL TRILOGY (Kannada)

A wrongly accused murderer who is helped by Advocate Mahesh Das despite of various threats faced by them during the investigation.

- Cast: MG Srinivas, Suresh Heblikar, Rukmini Vasanth
- Watch On : Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

118 (Tamil, Telugu)

Goutham, an investigative journalist, has recurring nightmares about a woman being murdered. Consequently, he sets out to discover if there is more to his dreams.

- Cast: Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, Shalini Pandey, Nivetha Thomas
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹399 per year

EVVARIKEE CHEPPODDU (Telugu)

Harathi, who hails from a conservative family, falls in love with Hari. The couple then come up with a plan to convince her father, who does not approve of their relationship.

- Cast: Gargeyi Yellapragada, Rakesh Varre, Keshav Deepak, Rakesh Adiga
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

TAKE OFF (Malayalam)

Sameera, an Indian nurse working in Iraq, and her colleagues are held hostage by terrorists. Indian ambassador Manoj uses his wit and shrewdness to rescue them and get them out of the country alive.

- Cast: Parvathy Thiruvottu, Fahadh Faasil, Kunchako Boban, Asif Ali
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

AGARAM (Tamil)

Thiru moves to Thoothukudi along with his family and has an altercation with Pasupathy, the brother of gangster Varma. When Varma learns about this, he vows to take revenge on him.

- Cast: Nandha Durairaj, Vivekh, Biju Menon
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

KAVALUDAARI (Kannada)

Shyam, a traffic constable, seeks the help of Muthanna, a retired police officer, to solve the mysterious case of three skulls found near a metro construction site.

- Cast: Rishi, Anant Nag, Suman Ranganathan, Roshni Prakash
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

SPIES IN DISGUISE (English)

Super spy Lance Sterling and scientist Walter Beckett are almost exact opposites. Lance is smooth, suave and debonair. Walter is not. But what Walter lacks in social skills he makes up for in smarts and invention, creating the awesome gadgets Lance uses on his epic missions. But when events take an unexpected turn, Walter and Lance suddenly have to rely on each other in a whole new way. And if this odd couple can't learn to work as a team, the whole world is in peril.

- Cast: Will Smith, Tom Holland, Karen Gillan, Rashida Jones
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

18 PRESENTS (Italian)

In an attempt to be part of her life, a pregnant mother with terminal cancer leaves behind 18 sentimental gifts for her unborn daughter to receive every year on her birthday.

- Cast: Benedetta Porcaroli, Vittoria Puccini, Sara Lazzaro, Edoardo Leo
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

THE LION WOMAN (Norwegian)

A Norwegian girl suffers from an illness that leaves her body and face completely covered in hair.

- Cast: Ida Ursin-Holm, Rolf Lassgård, Kjersti Tveterås, Mathilde Thomine Storm
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

THE WRETCHED (English)

A defiant teenage boy, struggling with his parents' imminent divorce, faces off with an old witch who has possessed the neighbour next door.

- Cast: John-Paul Howard, Piper Curda, Zarah Mahler, Gabriela Quezada Bloomgarden
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

Bumpy and boring: Long road to the 'new normal'

OPEN SPACE
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Six months into the post-Covid world, and we are far from forgetting the 'old normal'. There would hardly be a person who cannot wait for the slightest opportunity to tear the mask off the face, or greet a friend with a hug. And it's not just the visits to restaurants, theatres and stadiums that everyone is pining for. Most of us are eyeing the first chance to travel on vacation. Many children are yearning to return to school. And Bengalureans have come out with memes about missing traffic jams.

Count me out of the last group, but there is something that I too have been missing during the daily commute to office. The congenial, often enlightening, and sometimes amusing conversations with Ola and Uber drivers were what made the 40-minute trip enjoyable. Now, the time has come down to half, but the road seems longer. As the pandemic shows no signs of abating in the city, I wonder how much I would have learnt the common citizen's perception by striking a talk with the cab drivers. Just like the old times. When all it required was a small query to get them to chat about the city, development issues and, of course, politics.

When I moved to Bengaluru, I found my first Kannada teachers in them. They narrated stories about how even Hebbal was once considered the outskirts of the city, and wild animals roamed around Yelahanka. They also helped me learn more about the state, and the regional stereotypes. I learnt that a bulk of tomatoes come here from the Mysuru area. And that a trip to Mangaluru will make my eyes go wide, so huge are the houses in the hinterland there due to the "Gulf money" (that trip may elude me longer, thanks to the pandemic). And about how people in some other parts of the state are so hot-headed that they better be left alone.

It was during the rides that I came to know about singer Sonu Nigam's huge presence in Sandalwood. Once, when I asked a cab driver about Hindi imposition and resentment against North Indians, he made a grand speech about the divisive role played by political forces, that would have sent many a YouTubers scrambling to learn the right intonations. Over the years, the talks have included topics like career options, road discipline, working conditions in the Middle-east, and once, even an introduction to Islam, with the driver, among other things, explaining to me the difference between a mosque and a dargah.

Among the hundreds of rides I have taken over the past few years, a few often keep peeping out from the recesses of the mind. I once rode from Church Street to Yelahanka with a driver who turned out to be a huge fan of 1990s Bollywood music. We talked about Kumar Sanu, Nadeem-Shravan and the rest, and even hummed *Sochenge tumhe pyaar* together. Another time, when I mistook the Kannadiga driver as someone hailing from Bihar, he revealed his mimicry skills, speaking not just in various Indian accents, but also like his Nigerian friend. I was in splits.

We must enjoy the moment, they say, since today's tribulations are tomorrow's good old days. Seems to hold true about traffic jams. I am not so sure about the pandemic though.

Illustration
Tapas Ranjan

BRINGING CHANGE, ONE CUP AT A TIME

Baby steps, big dreams... Meet these four students from Bengaluru who have been shortlisted for Activate Impact Summit at the United Nations, thanks to their efforts at making the world a better place for women

● Express Features

When Harshada RB and Maliha Fathima saw a video of the difficulties faced by menstruating doctors who donned PPE kits, the two Class 12 students knew they had to do something to help. After research to learn more about their struggles with sanitary napkins, the duo started conducting webinars in July for frontline doctors and nurses, as part of their Project Rutu. The two sessions conducted so far saw 19 doctors from Sapthagiri Hospital and Lakshmi Maternity & Surgical Center, and ran for 30-40 minutes, with discussions on how menstrual waste is produced, why menstrual cups might be better, and demonstrations using visuals on using one. A recent convert to sustainable methods, Fathima says, "I wish to help every woman bleed safely, with dignity, and help equip our female frontline warriors with everything they need to work comfortably."

While they do touch upon other sustainable alternatives like period panties, biodegradable pads, etc the emphasis for frontline workers has been on promoting menstrual cups. Harshada adds, "It can be worn for as long as 12 hours, so there's no need to change it while wearing a PPE. And with it, female frontline workers may not have to take days off if they don't want to because they will be more comfortable. Often, sanitary napkins can lead to rashes, and tampons can cause toxic shock syndrome."

The girls, who study at Delhi Public School Bangalore North, have also created a WhatsApp group as a community exercise. For time-strapped healthline workers, the group serves as a one-stop platform for guidance related to the products. On the cards is more advocacy to make menstrual cups a part of the PPE kit. "We contemplated this after some doctors told us that they have to buy their own kits," says Harshada, adding that this initiative was carried out as part of their involvement with 1M1B, an organisation that has programmes for building future leaders. "As a part of this, we will be delegates at the organisation's Activate Impact Summit at the UN next year," she adds.

The efforts, however, don't stop there. In order to measure impact, the girls are also tracking successful conversions towards menstrual cups and hope to hold similar sessions, and maybe even in-person ones, for BBMP workers and female police officers as well. The two students have also collaborated with Inner Wheel Club (the female wing of Rotary Club) to distribute menstrual cups to BBMP doctors and policewomen.

Menstrual cups can be worn for as long as 12 hours, so there's no need to change it while wearing a PPE
—Harshada RB, student

EXPERT SPEAK

Efficacy of menstrual cups is dependent on the right usage and the user's comfort with them, says Dr Bharati Kamoji, a gynaecologist and obstetrician at Aster CMI Hospital. But it does have some advantages over sanitary napkins, she adds. "Pads can hold up to a third of an ounce of blood. Cups, on the other hand, can hold 1-2 ounces. They can also be worn for longer. Wearing a pad for longer, however, can lead to bacterial infections," she says.

For girls, by girls

Two other students from Delhi Public School Bangalore North, who are a part of 1M1B, have been selected for the Activate Impact summit next year. Meet **Disha Panda** and Haneen Farid, both 17, who were shortlisted for their Project Arambha, which raised ₹10 lakh to sponsor the education of 14 underprivileged girl students of Sparsha Trust for three years. Of this, ₹2 lakh was raised through crowdfunding on Impact Guru, and the rest through sponsorship by Himalaya Drug Company. "We had planned to create community leaders by encouraging the girls to take up problems they could solve. But we realised that they were being denied education, due to financial or familial conditions. So we changed our focus to education," says Panda.

While raising funds began in April, they have already begun expanding their reach. They are trying to raise ₹13 lakh for 30 students belonging to the NGO, Radiant Life Foundation. "Calls to sponsors can sometimes be disheartening. When they hear our age, they don't take us seriously. One even called us immature. We know that if we omit our age, we would get more responses but we want to be transparent," says Farid. They spend four hours a day on the project. "There's a lot of satisfaction in knowing that we helped someone else go to school," says Panda.

New villain in town

What's cooler than a cartwheel? A cartwheel that turns into a somersault. But trust Diganth Manchale to add an additional wow factor to this. Head to the actor's Instagram to check out a slow-motion video of him nailing the two moves like a pro.

Nature's girl

Shubra Aiyapa's smile knows no bounds when she is in the midst of nature. The actor's latest post on Instagram shows her standing next to a plant as she soaks in the goodness of nature. Her caption read, "Cherry infused smiles".

Farm to fork: Dairy unit makes foodies say cheese

● Meghana Sastry

The pandemic has seen many dons the chefs hats, and it's no surprise that home chefs are on the rise. "So, a lot of them have been asking me for recommendations, and I have been suggesting what is often used at hotels," says Prashant Puttaswamy, executive chef at Cantan and Fatty Bao.

He is referring to the cheese of Vallamborsa Cheese Shop in KR Puram, which is run by Father Michael. While they previously only sold to businesses, including the Taj the Group of Hotels, The Oberoi and Olive Beach, they have now started the B2C model. People can place orders on the phone via call or WhatsApp, and have it delivered by Dunzo. Some of the varieties include homemade parmesan, grated buffalo mozzarella, burrata (which has a molten centre and should be consumed at one go), fresh olive-stuffed bocconcini, ricotta cheese and mascarpone cheese.

But the situation is grim for Father Michael whose company used to manufacture 100 kg of cheese, which has now come down to 10 kg thanks to the pandemic.

They make 11 varieties of cheese and have dropped one of their popular choices, goat cheese. "Karnataka focuses on goat meat and not milk hence, we depend on Kerala for supply. However, with borders having been affected, we had to drop the production of goat cheese," he explains. They now plan to start their own goat farm near Hosur.

"The inclusion of the B2C model is to sustain business and the farm that we plan to start is because of the issues we have been facing. To make 100 kg of cheese, we require about 400-500 litres of milk. It has not only been difficult to procure buffalo milk during this pandemic but quality too has been inconsistent. The feed is important as taste and aroma depend on that," he says.

He is no newcomer to the business, having travelled to Italy to learn the art of cheese making. Each variety of cheese, he believes, has a character and needs to be treated accordingly. Even as the ride may be rough, Father Michael after starting the B2C option, is certain that they are back on track.

Tanmoy Savardekar, chef consultant who has worked on international cruises and has experienced an array of authentic Italian cheeses, finds the cheese – his favourite being Bocconcini – authentic in terms of flavour and texture. "I even use the whey in making dal, chapatti dough, etc as it has milk solids and enhances the flavour," he says.

Cheese being packed for deliveries at Vallamborsa Cheese Shop ● Meghana Sastry

To make 100 kg of cheese, we require about 400-500 litres of milk. It has been difficult to procure buffalo milk during this pandemic. —Father Micheal, owner, Vallamborsa Cheese Shop

TOPPERS

Seshadripuram High School, Yelahanka New Town (SSLC)

Gnanavi N Raj **97.6 %**
Keerthi G **97.44 %**
Varun Jois **97.44 %**
Vinay Shankar HV **96.4%**
RITHIJA T **96 %**
Ananya K M **95.84 %**
Sudhanva J **95.52 %**
Varshini 95.36 %
Manoj P **95.04 %**
Achuth **95.04 %**

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

Decoding connections

How often do you use the word 'No' in your relationship with your partner?

Try this for exercise: Over one week, try and keep a count of the number of times any of you say 'No' to the other person. It could be for anything: Do you want to get an ice cream? Shall we go to the terrace and sit down there with our cups of tea and plates of pakoras? Shall we take a walk with our masks on? Can I cut my hair short, or just trim it down till it is almost tonsured – this Covid is driving me to bits? Shall we go to bed? Can I kiss you? Shall I invite my sister and family over for Onam lunch in two weeks?

There are dozens and dozens of interactions that we go through in a day with our partners, and if you can keep track of how you respond to all those, and think back as to how your responses affect each other, the flow of energy between the two of you and the feel of the space itself, you will start noticing one thing: Saying 'No' is a lot more than just saying no.

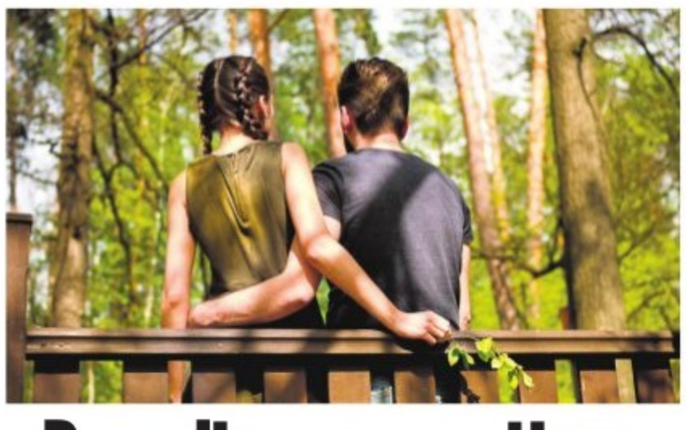
Often, these seemingly innocuous interactions are not just mundane transactions. Every transaction is a call for connection. Not necessarily for a connection in terms of needing attention or wanting to do something together, but a call for connection nevertheless. It is a sign of wanting some engagement, some flow of energy between you and a sense of feeling you are interested in each other and what you do. These calls for connection might easily be overlooked because you think you are only talking about dinner or the cat or the house maintenance – nothing very serious or important that is really about your relationship, but the fact is that the relationship is built on all these small interactions, and not just the big ones of money, love, sex, society, parenting and the such.

What happens when we repeatedly hear 'No' from our partner is that we start to make assessments as to the degree of connection that our partner is ready for or willing to offer, and that assessment generalises into decisions we make, even without really checking with the other, because we know what we have heard and believe that to be true. We tend to then gradually limit ourselves, drawing boundaries as to what is possible in the relationship and what could have been a free flowing river of joy and intimacy full of vibrant life and connection, becomes at best, a small little oasis with a large desert around it, and at worst a stagnant, septic and toxic little pool of resentment and hatred.

If you keep a track of the Nos you say and you find you say far too much of it, take a step back and consider what else you could do. Could you offer an alternative? Get a little time? Maybe even say 'Yes'?

Doesn't it already feel livelier?

The writer is a counsellor with InnerSight



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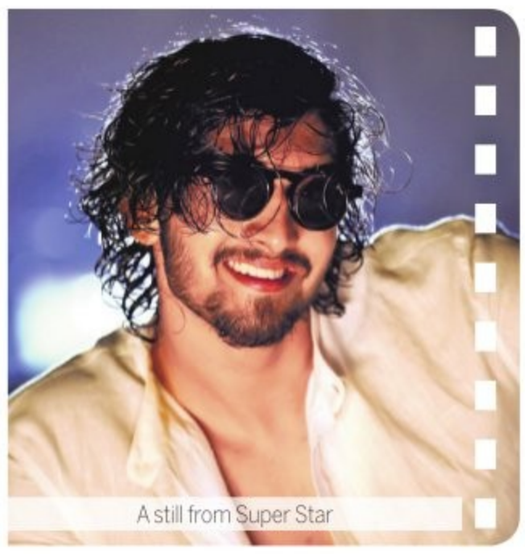
ROCKING STAR TO LEND HIS VOICE FOR *SUPER STAR*

Yash will be narrating dialogues for the teaser of the upcoming film directed by Ramesh Venkatesh Babu, which will be released on Aug. 20

Yash at the recording studio

Ramesh Venkatesh Babu


A still from Super Star

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Niranjan Sudhindra-starrer *Super Star* seems to be becoming a starry affair. The film, directed by Ramesh Venkatesh Babu, was launched on Aug. 14 by Real Star Upendra and his wife Priyanka, and the upcoming talent gets support from *KGF's* Rocky Bhai, Yash. The Rocking Star is lending his voice for the teaser, for dialogues written by director, and will be released on Niranjan's birthday on Aug. 20. The newcomer's film was titled as *Super Star* after one of Upendra's directorials. It is being made under the banner of RVB Cinemas in association with Mylari Production. The film will have Niranjan playing a top dancer who later becomes visible at an international stage. The newcomer, who has transformed his looks for the role, has completed one schedule for the film, and the team plans to resume shooting in October. The makers are in the process of finalising the rest of the cast, including the heroine. It has been confirmed that music director Raghavendra V, cinematographer Yogi and editor Vijay M Kumar will be part of the technical crew.

Ali Fazal narrates an animation video on the migrant crisis

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Ali Fazal has voiced and co-produced an animated video on the ongoing migrant crisis. The video, titled *Tasveer,* highlights how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected migrants and daily-wage workers across the country.

Created by Ashutosh Pathak, the animation journey presents visuals of labourers walking towards their homes in large numbers after being rendered jobless. It encourages viewers to be more socially responsible towards their fellow citizens and bridge class barriers with empathy and kindness. "The best thing about art is it gets to place mirrors in the face of society and even ask some relevant questions," Ali said. "I don't know what our better versions look like, but we've all seen our worst as humanity this year."

Ali starred in the 2019 Netflix film, *House Arrest.* He was also seen in *Prassthanam* and *Milan Talkies.* His upcoming venture is the Hollywood mystery thriller *Death on the Nile,* directed by Kenneth Branagh. He will also be seen in *Mirzapur Season 2.*

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Prithviraj to star in mega-budget multilingual touted as India's first virtual production movie

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Prithviraj Sukumaran (Ayyappanum Koshiyum, Driving Licence) is set to star in a yet-to-be-titled mega-budget epic that will be shot entirely using virtual production filmmaking technique, the kind employed on films like The Lion King and Avatar, and series like The Mandalorian.

A multilingual in Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada, it is being billed as "India's first movie to be shot completely in virtual production." Gokulraj Baskar is both the concept designer and director, with backing from Prithviraj Productions and Magic Frames.

Sharing the news, Prithviraj wrote: "This is an exciting new chapter in the art and science of film making! So looking forward to this one! Changing times, newer challenges, innovative methods. And an epic story to tell."

The team is expected to make more announcements soon.

Pruthvi Ambaar on board *Sugarless*

An official announcement was made by producer-turned-director, Shashidhar KM, on the actor's birthday. The comedy-drama explores a story about youngsters with diabetes

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Pruthvi Ambaar of *Dia* fame is set to play the lead in *Sugarless*, which will mark the directorial debut of producer-turned-director Shashidhar KM. Going by the script penned by director Shashidhar, the film will follow a story about youngsters with diabetes. The actor will portray the role of a 'free-go-lucky' person, who is always seen enjoying life.

An official announcement was made on the actor's birthday on August 17. The project will be jointly produced by Pushkar Films and Disha Entertainers. *Sugarless* will have Anoop Seelin scoring music and DOP Lavith will handle cinematography. Actor Dharmanna Kadur will also be seen along with Pruthvi playing the character of a friend. The team is still in the process of finalising the rest of the cast and plans to start work from September.

Pruthvi, who is looking forward to being part of unique subjects, has signed three projects during the lockdown. He is currently busy penning the script for a film to be directed by Darshan Apoorva, which also stars Kushi. Besides this, the actor is also on board *For Regn,* set to be helmed by Naveen Dwarakanath. This apart, he is in discussions for three more projects, which are in the finalisation process, he reveals.

The in-demand actor says he is equally happy that he has not been typecast. "After *Dia,* I was offered similar roles as a romantic hero, which I humbly kept rejecting to make sure I explore different shades. As a result, the next five films will feature me in different roles and something fresh, and *Sugarless* is one such subject," he says.

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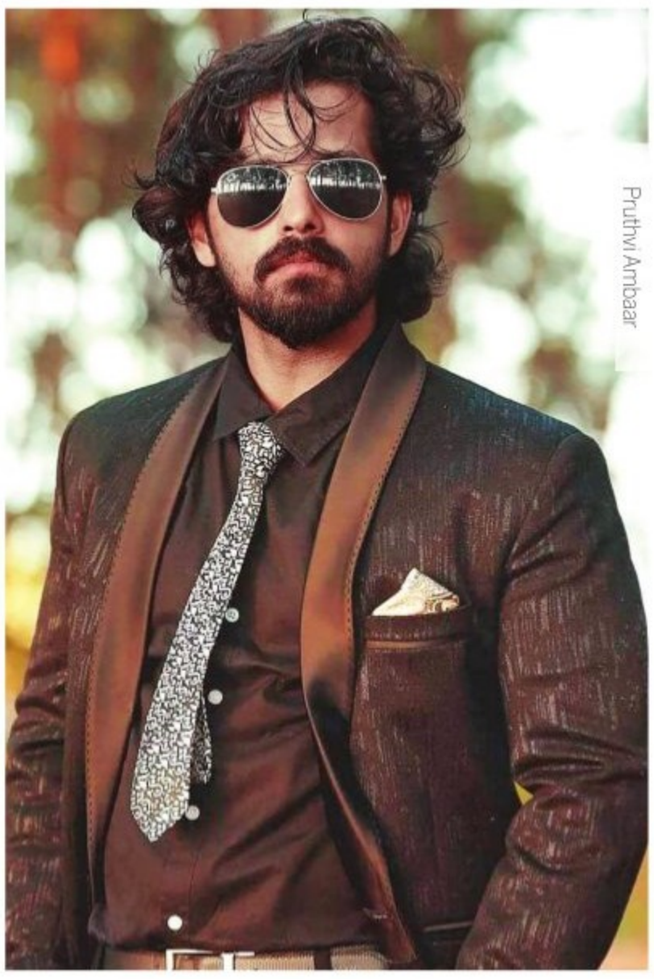
Pruthvi Ambaar

Elizabeth Debicki cast as Princess Diana in *The Crown*

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The upcoming fifth and sixth season of *The Crown* will feature Elizabeth Debicki as Princess Diana. The actor took to Twitter to share the news with her fans and followers.

She wrote, "Princess Diana's spirit, her words and her actions live in the hearts of so many. It is my true privilege and honour to be joining this masterful series, which has had me absolutely hooked from episode one."

The Crown, one of the acclaimed and successful shows of Netflix, tells the story of the British royal family over several decades. It has Claire Foy playing the young Queen Elizabeth and Olivia Colman as the older one. It is said that the series will come to a close with the sixth and the final season.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth Debicki will be seen in Christopher Nolan's *Tenet*, which is set for release on September 3.

Keanu Reeves resumes shooting for *Matrix 4*

Actor Keenu Reeves has revealed that he has resumed shooting for *Matrix 4* in Berlin. In an interaction with an international news agency, Reeves also added that the crew has effective protocols in place, which have not disrupted the flow of filmmaking.

While shooting began in February, production was halted in March as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Apart from Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss and Jada Pinkett Smith will return to the fourth installment in this franchise. The new cast members include Priyanka Chopra, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Jessica Henwick, Neil Patrick Harris and Jonathan Groff.

While the first three films were helmed by both Lana Wachowski and Lilly Wachowski, *Matrix 4* will be Lana's solo project.

Sanjana Anand soaks in *Maleye Maleye* melody

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Rain did play spoilsport for the *Salaga* team, but that did not perturb them from completing the pending song shoot for the film," says Sanjana Anand, who was excited to get back to shooting. The film marks the directorial debut of actor Duniya Vijay, who also plays the lead role in the film. "*Maleye Maleye* is a melody, which needed outdoor locations. It was canned in the Malnad region. Since it is the monsoon season, three-fourth of the day would go by waiting for the rains, and we shot the scenes when we would get natural light. The team has managed to get the best sequences for the song," says Sanjana. The track, *Maleye Maleye,* sung by Sanjith Hegde and Aishwarya Rangarajan has been composed by Naveen Sajju. Musician Charan Raj has composed the background score. The film is being produced by KP Srikanth also features Dhananjay in a prominent role. Sanjana, who has completed the shooting and dubbing for *Salaga*, is looking forward to the film's release. The actor, who came to limelight with *Chemistry of Cariappa*, also has in her kitty, *Shokiwaala,* which is ready for release. It is directed by Jokky and has her paired opposite Ajay Rao. This apart, she is paired opposite the late actor Chiranjeevi Sarja in *Kshatriya.* Meanwhile, the actor is gearing up to start shooting for her next project, *Addhuri Lover.* The film, bankrolled by director AP Arjun, will star *Kiss* hero Virat in the lead role.

A still from the film

On the sets of *Salaga*